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## **ABSTRACT**

Elucidating the tempo and mode of diversification is a major goal of evolutionary biology and represents a fundamental step towards understanding how biodiversity is generated and maintained. Achieving this goal is challenging due to the multidimensional complexity of macro- and micro-evolutionary forces that act across time, space and different phylogenetic levels. Furthermore, these evolutionary forces can involve both adaptive and neutral processes that form confounding interactions with landscape/environmental characteristics. Understanding how genes, geography, and ecology interact to generate, maintain and distribute biodiversity, therefore requires numerous datatypes and analytical resources that span different disciplines such as biogeography, population, and landscape genetics. The primary goal of this study is to provide a better understanding of the patterns and processes involved in the diversification of frogs from the family Ranidae through the use of genomic data and recent advances in analytical methods.

Malaysia is one of the most biodiverse and environmentally threatened countries in the world. It is part of Sundaland, a biodiversity hotspot that has undergone dramatic climatic fluctuations in the past few million years. The dynamic geological history, coupled with the highly heterogeneous landscape of Malaysia, provides an ideal system to study the patterns and processes of diversification within a spatial and temporal context. Such studies are of particular importance in Malaysia as it is the country with the highest rate of deforestation in the world. Moreover, most biodiversity research in Malaysia revolves around systematic revisions and species descriptions with relatively few studies focused on understanding the evolutionary underpinnings that generate diversity. This study will fill a significant gap in the region's

biodiversity research, especially as it represents the first genomic study on Malaysian amphibians.

Chapter 1 examines the broad biogeographic patterns of Ranid diversification at the family and generic level. Using the most comprehensive and robust time-calibrated phylogeny to date, we estimated the timing and patterns of major dispersal events to test the hypothesis that colonization of new geographic areas triggers a concomitant acceleration in diversification rates. Additionally, we determined whether the Eocene-Oligocene extinction event (EOEE) had a significant impact on the diversification of Ranids. Our results showed that the EOEE had no effect on diversification rates; most major dispersal events occurred over a relatively short period of time during the end of the Eocene, and the colonization of new geographic areas was not followed by increased net-diversification. On the contrary, diversification rate declined or did not shift following geographic expansion. Thus, the diversification history of Ranid frogs contradicts the prevailing expectation that amphibian net-diversification accelerated towards the present or increased following range expansion. Rather, our results demonstrate that despite their dynamic biogeographic history, the family Ranidae diversified at a relatively constant rate despite their present high diversity and circumglobal distribution.

Chapter 2 compares the efficacy of commonly-used species delimitation methods (SDMs) and a population genomics approach based on genome-wide single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) to assess lineage separation in the Malaysian Torrent Frog Complex currently recognized as a single species (*Amolops larutensis*). First, we used morphological, mitochondrial DNA and genome-wide SNPs to identify putative species boundaries by implementing non-coalescent and coalescent-based SDMs. We then tested the validity of putative boundaries by estimating spatiotemporal gene flow to assess the extent of genetic

separation/cohesion among putative species. Our results show that SDMs were effective at delimiting divergent lineages in the absence of gene flow but overestimated species in the presence of marked population structure and gene flow. However, using a population genomics approach and the concept of species as separately evolving metapopulation lineages as the only necessary property of a species, we were able to objectively elucidate cryptic species boundaries in the presence of past and present gene flow.

Chapter 3 builds on the findings of the previous chapter to determine the spatiotemporal factors that generated the genetic differentiation in *Amolops*. We tested the significance and relative contributions of (1) geographic distance (isolation-by-distance, IBD); (2) landscape/environmental variables including mountain ranges, river basins, forest cover, and habitat suitability (isolation-by-environment, IBE); and (3) historical events (isolation-by-colonization, IBC) towards genetic differentiation. Results showed that interspecies diversification was primarily driven by historical events (IBC); IBD was responsible for intraspecies population structure, and IBE did not play a significant role in the diversification of *Amolops*. Additionally, demographic analyses detected significant population bottlenecks, indicating that speciation was most likely due to founder effect speciation.

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# CHAPTER 1

## **Spatiotemporal diversification of True Frogs (family: Ranidae): testing the “Dispersification” and Mass-Extinction Hypotheses**

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### **1.1 Abstract**

The interplay between range expansion and concomitant diversification is of fundamental interest to evolutionary biologists, particularly when linked to intercontinental dispersal and/or large scale extinctions. The evolutionary history of True Frogs has been characterized by circumglobal range expansion. As a lineage that survived the Eocene-Oligocene extinction event (EOEE), the group provides an ideal system to test the prediction that range expansion triggers increased net-diversification. We constructed the most densely sampled, time-calibrated phylogeny to date in order to: (1) characterize tempo and patterns of diversification; (2) assess the impact of the EOEE; and (3) test the hypothesis that range expansion was followed by increased net-diversification. We show that late Eocene colonization of novel biogeographic regions was not affected by the EOEE and surprisingly, global expansion was not followed by increased net-diversification. On the contrary, diversification rate declined or did not shift

following geographic expansion. Thus, the diversification history of True Frogs contradicts the prevailing expectation that amphibian net-diversification accelerated towards the present or increased following range expansion. Rather, our results demonstrate that despite their dynamic biogeographic history, True Frogs diversified at a relatively constant rate, even as they colonized the major landmasses of Earth.

## 1.2 Introduction

Geographic distribution of species richness is a function of lineage diversification through time (rate of diversification) and space (movement of species). Therefore, changes in diversification rates can be an important factor underlying geographic patterns of biodiversity. Rate of diversification is defined as speciation minus extinction over time. In order for a diversification rate shift to occur, the probability of speciation and/or extinction has to be altered, for example through increased speciation (Rolland *et al.* 2014), elevated extinction (Brocklehurst *et al.* 2015), or lower extinction rates (Cracraft 1985). Increased speciation is often linked to intrinsic factors such as the evolution of key innovations (Drummond *et al.* 2012; Hodges 1997; Ostrom 1979; Woodburne *et al.* 2003) or movement of lineages into new areas (Moore & Donoghue 2007; Uribe-Convers & Tank 2015). Although key innovations play an important role, Moore and Donoghue (2007) suggested that dispersal followed by subsequent diversification (“dispersification”) may play a larger role in shaping global biodiversity patterns than previously recognized. Diversification rate shifts have also been associated with extrinsic events such as mass extinctions that can cause increased extinction (Brocklehurst *et al.* 2015) or a burst of speciation if surviving lineages rapidly diversify into vacant niches following an extinction event (Feng *et al.* 2017; Ksepka *et al.* 2017; Ruta *et al.* 2007). Understanding the deterministic factors

that underlie diversification rate shifts therefore requires reliable calculations of speciation and extinction rates as well as robust estimates of phylogenetic relationships, divergence times and inference of geographic range evolution.

Estimating diversification rates across phylogenetic trees is a central component of macroevolutionary studies. Although this field has seen much advancement in recent years (Laurent *et al.* 2015; May *et al.* 2016; Rabosky 2014; Stadler & Smrckova 2016), the reliable estimation of this parameter remains complicated. This is exemplified by the “Great BAMM Controversy” that revolves around reputed theoretical flaws in the popular program BAMM that has been widely used to detect the timing and location of diversification rate shifts in phylogenies (Moore *et al.* 2016; Rabosky 2014; Rabosky *et al.* 2017). Nevertheless, this program is still being used, even in a number of recent high-profile publications involving the estimation of diversification rates across large amphibian phylogenies (Feng *et al.* 2017; Yuan *et al.* 2016), thereby casting doubts on the validity of those results.

Studies have shown that the diversification rates of amphibians have accelerated toward the present (Roelants *et al.* 2007), were positively associated with global range expansion (Pramuk *et al.* 2008) and increased following mass extinction events (Feng *et al.* 2017). Yuan *et al.* (2016) used the controversial program BAMM to infer spatiotemporal diversification patterns of the genus *Rana* (family Ranidae) but no study has been conducted on the entire family or other subclades within the family. This represents a significant gap in our understanding of the evolutionary history of this diverse (~380 species) and cosmopolitan amphibian family (Frost 2015). Furthermore, the evolutionary history of Ranidae spans the Eocene-Oligocene mass extinction event (EOEE), which triggered worldwide extinctions in marine invertebrates (Pearson *et al.* 2008) and a marked synchronous turnover of flora and fauna in Europe and Asia

(Hooker *et al.* 2004; Sun *et al.* 2014). However, the impact of the EOEE on amphibians has never been explicitly studied.

To obtain a well resolved phylogeny for systematic treatments and downstream macroevolutionary analyses, I synthesized the most comprehensive multilocus molecular dataset to date from a large proportion (77%) of species and genera from the family Ranidae. Having a fully resolved, time-calibrated phylogeny will facilitate biogeographic reconstructions of the family Ranidae to understand the mode and tempo of long-distance intercontinental dispersal in amphibians. I can then estimate the significance and timing of shifts in diversification rates using a program that hasn't been shown to be flawed (Hohna *et al.* 2015) to test the hypothesis that movement into new geographic areas and mass extinction events are followed by a concomitant increase in diversification rate (the “Dispersification” and Mass Extinction Hypotheses).

## **1.3 Methods**

### **1.3.1 Sampling and time-calibrated phylogenetic estimation**

A total of 402 genetic samples representing 292 of the known 380 Ranidae species were obtained from Genbank representing two mitochondrial (16S, Cytochrome-b) and two nuclear genes (RAG-1, Tyrosinase; Appendix Table 1). These samples were aligned using the MUSCLE algorithm implemented in the program Geneious (Kearse *et al.* 2012). A total of 4,328 base-pairs were concatenated and partitioned by gene prior to phylogenetic analysis using the Bayesian program BEAST (Drummond & Bouckaert 2015). We used BEAST's bModelTest to explore substitution model space while simultaneously estimating model parameters and the phylogeny (Bouckaert & Drummond 2017). To establish a temporal framework for Ranidae diversification,

we used four fossil calibration points: three within the genus *Rana* (Yuan *et al.* 2016) and one to calibrate the most recent common ancestor of the genus *Pelophylax* (Roček & Rage 2003). The fossilized birth-death process was used to model speciation times using the following prior settings: originFBD ~ Uniform(30, 100); samplingProportionFBD and turnoverFBD ~ Uniform(0, 1.0); uclMean ~ Exponential(10, 0); and uclStdev ~ Gamma(0.5396, 0.3819). Fossil calibration times for the genus *Rana* follows Yuan *et al.* (2016) while the age of the most recent common ancestor of the genus *Pelophylax* was constrained to 30 million years (Roček & Rage 2003). Sampling of the posterior distribution was performed using two independent MCMC chains at 500,000,000 million generations each. The posterior distribution was considered adequately sampled when effective sample size (ESS) values for parameters were greater than 200. The BEAST plugin LogCombiner was used to combine sampled trees from separate MCMC runs and TreeAnnotator was used to generate a maximum clade credibility tree for downstream analyses.

### **1.3.2 Ancestral range reconstruction**

The resulting time-calibrated phylogeny was used to reconstruct the spatio-temporal evolution of geographic ranges. We defined seven biogeographic regions that are known to be separate landmasses during the Cenozoic: America, Europe, Africa, Asia, India, Philippines and Australasia (Fig. 1.1). We distinguished the Indian subcontinent based on its unique geological history as a separate landmass prior to its collision with mainland Asia during the Eocene (Morley 2012). Model parameters and ancestral range probabilities were estimated using the DEC, DIVALIKE and BAYAREALIKE models. These models were implemented with and without the parameter  $j$ , which describes the relative weight of founder event speciation during



cladogenesis. Under this model, which resembles founder event speciation, an ancestor in area A instantaneously “jumps” to area B, leaving one descendent in A and one in B (Matzke 2013). Likelihood ratios and the Akaike Information Criterion was used to evaluate the fit of our data to the biogeographic models. Ancestral range reconstruction analysis was performed using the BioGeoBEARS R package (Matzke 2014).

### **1.3.3 Diversification Rate Analyses**

Due to the theoretical flaws in the widely used program BAMM (Moore *et al.* 2016; Rabosky 2014), I estimated diversification rates using the program TESS that provides a flexible framework for specifying diversification models, where diversification rates are constant, vary continuously, or change episodically through time. One of the major features of TESS is the ability to include methods of incomplete taxon sampling while providing robust Bayesian methods for assessing the relative fit of lineage diversification models to a given tree.

Reversible-jump MCMC (rjMCMC) simulation is performed over all possible episodically varying birth-death processes with explicitly modeled mass extinction events. Briefly, this method treats the number of speciation-rate shifts, extinction-rate shifts and mass extinction events as well as the parameters associated with these events as random variables and estimates their joint posterior distribution (Höhna *et al.* 2015; May *et al.* 2016). Because it can be difficult to specify the prior distributions for the speciation- and extinction-rate parameters, I first implemented an automatic empirical hyperprior procedure which performs an initial Bayesian MCMC analysis under a constant-rate birth-death process model to determine reasonable values for the hyperparameters of the diversification priors. Using the estimated parameter values, I performed the TESS analysis, allowing the MCMC chain to run until all parameters reached a

minimum effective sampling size of 500. Because finer-scale or lineage-specific changes may be obscured when larger groups are analysed as a whole (Yuan *et al.* 2016), we performed analyses at three hierarchical levels to capture diversification shifts at different phylogenetic scales: (1) entire phylogeny; (2) three major subclades: Torrent Frogs (*Amolops*), Afro-Asian Stream Frogs [*Hylarana* Complex *sensu* Oliver *et al.* (2015)], Core True Frogs (*Babina*, *Odorrana*, *Rana*); and (3) individual subclades that colonized a new region. This analysis was performed using the R package TESS (Höhna *et al.* 2015).

## 1.4 Results

### 1.4.1 Time calibration and phylogenetic relationships

The phylogenetic analysis produced high support (posterior probability  $\geq 0.9$ ) for most major nodes and divergence time estimates (Appendix Fig. 1) were generally consistent ( $\pm 5$  million years) with two previous, more sparsely-sampled phylogenetic studies of Ranidae (Wiens *et al.* 2009; Yuan *et al.* 2016) but strongly conflicted with another study, which recovered substantially younger ages (Oliver *et al.* 2015). The family Ranidae diverged from its sister lineage at  $\sim 87$  mya (95%HPD: 73–99 mya), followed by a cladogenetic event at  $\sim 70.4$  mya (95%HPD: 57–86) that split the most basal genus *Staurois* with the other lineages. Most genera were recovered as monophyletic clades except for the genera *Huia*, *Glandirana*, *Sylvirana* and *Amnirana*. *Huia cavitympanum* was reciprocally monophyletic with respect to *Meristogenys* (pp = 1.0) and polyphyletic with regard to *H. masonii* and *H. sumatrana* that formed a sister relationship with *Clinotarsus*. *Glandirana* was paraphyletic with respect to *Sanguirana* with high support (pp = 0.9). The true *Sylvirana* clade was sister to *Papurana* + *Hydrophylax* with high support (pp = 1.0). However, *S. guentheri* samples were sister to the genus *Humerana* while *S. attigua*, which

was only represented by a single specimen was sister to *Amnirana nicobariensis*. African *Amnirana* was recovered as a distinct monophyletic clade sister to *Indosylvirana* while *A. nicobariensis*, which is widely distributed across Asia was sister to the clade that includes African *Amnirana* + *Indosylvirana* + *Hydrophylax* + *Papurana* + *Sylvirana* albeit with low support ( $pp = 0.3$ ). The sister relationship between *Babina* and *Odorrana* was also weakly supported ( $pp = 0.2$ ) (Appendix Fig. 1).

### 1.4.2 Ancestral range reconstruction

Ancestral range reconstructions unambiguously support Asia as the origin of True Frogs (Fig. 1.1). Of the six biogeographic models assessed, the BAYAREALIKE+J model was favored (Appendix Fig. 2; Table 1.1). A total of 11 major dispersal events were detected, the clear majority of which ( $n=9$ ) occurred during the Eocene and Oligocene including three colonizations of the Indian subcontinent by the genera *Clinotarsus* (~25–39 mya), *Indosylvirana* (~ 30–40 mya) and *Hydrophylax* (~ 21–35 mya); one colonization of Europe by *Pelophylax* (~ 23–35 mya); one dispersal into the Philippines by *Sanguirana* (~ 22–38 mya); two separate invasions into the Americas by *Rana* (~ 33–39 mya and 17–26 mya); one to Africa by *Amnirana* (~ 37–40 mya); and one to Australasia by *Papurana* (~ 24–35 mya). Two major dispersals occurred during the Miocene including a second invasion of the Philippines by *Pulchrana* (~ 20–25 mya); a second colonization of Europe by *Rana* (~ 14–20 mya).

### 1.4.3 Diversification rate-shifts

There was a strong decrease in speciation rates in Afro-Asian Stream Frogs at ~35 mya and in Core True Frogs at ~7 mya ( $2 < 2\ln BF > 6$ ), but Torrent Frogs showed no significant shifts (Fig.

1.2). No shifts were detected in individual subclades except for the genus *Rana* which had a similar pattern to the entire Core True Frog clade (Fig. 1.2, 1.8). When the analysis was performed on the entire phylogeny, a strong decrease in speciation rate ( $2\ln BF \approx 5$ ) was detected at ~6 mya and no shifts in extinction rates, nor signatures of mass-extinction were detected (Fig. 1.9).

## 1.5 Discussion

### 1.5.1 Diversification rates

Two centuries of global biogeographical and paleontological treatments have reinforced the expectation that major biotic range expansion into new geographic areas is often followed by an increase in net-diversification rates, due to a broad range of phenomena that fall under the general concepts of ecological opportunity and evolutionary innovation (Wiens & Donoghue 2004). Interestingly, and in striking contrast to expectations, the rapid global range expansion of True Frogs was not associated with increased net-diversification. On the contrary, diversification rates either decreased or remained unchanged, even as remarkable, circumglobal range expansion via dispersal and colonization of novel regions occurred. The Afro-Asian Stream Frogs, which underwent the most extensive and rapid range expansion, actually exhibited a decrease in net-diversification following range expansions at the Eocene-Oligocene boundary. A similar but stronger shift has been reported in Core True Frogs during the Miocene (Yuan *et al.* 2016). Although studies have shown that an overall decrease in diversification rates in larger groups (e.g. at the family or generic level) may obscure increased diversification rates in smaller

subgroups (Yuan *et al.* 2016), our results showed that diversification rate patterns were consistent across different phylogenetic scales.

### 1.5.2 Timing and patterns of diversification

Our divergence time estimates are largely congruent with the timing of several well characterized tectonic events. All three independent colonizations of the Indian subcontinent occurred between 35–40 mya, after the Indian-Eurasian collision at 40 mya (Bouilhol *et al.* 2013). The separation between eastern and western Palearctic lineages of *Pelophylax* was estimated at ~35 mya, coinciding with the closure of the Turgai Straits, an event which resulted in a land connection between southern Europe and southwestern Asia, and facilitation of faunal exchange between these two regions (Sun *et al.* 2014). The colonization of the Philippines from east Asia by members of the genus *Glandirana* precisely matches the timing, polarity of inferred dispersal, and phylogenetic relationships postulated by the “Palawan Ark” (Blackburn *et al.* 2010; Yumul *et al.* 2009), reinforcing the interpretation of isolation and paleotransport of True Frog lineages on the Palawan Microcontinent Block. This minor continental fragment rifted from the Asian mainland ~40 mya, opening up the South China Sea, eventually lodged north of Borneo (~10–6 mya) as the oceanic portions of the Philippines drifted north along the Mobile Philippine Belt. The existence of an extensive, archipelago-wide *Glandirana* radiation in the Philippines, most closely related to northern coastal Asian and Eurasian lineages (but conspicuously absent from the remainder of the Sunda Shelf landmasses to the south), and with the Palawan endemic lineage first branching and sister to the remainder of the Philippine species, precisely resembles patterns inferred previously in several other radiations of Philippine land vertebrates (Brown *et al.* 2013), lending strong statistical support in yet another independent

lineage, for the Palawan Ark biogeographic mechanism which has initiated several spectacular and entirely endemic Philippine radiations.

True Frogs began to disperse out of Asia at the end of the Eocene and by the beginning of the Miocene, colonized every continent except Antarctica. Yuan and colleagues demonstrated that the New World was colonized via the Beringian land bridge (Yuan *et al.* 2016). In contrast, our results showed that the dispersal of *Amnirana* from India/Asia into Africa at ~37–40 mya could not have occurred over land as Africa and Eurasia were separated by the neo-Tethys ocean until ~27 mya (McQuarrie & Van Hinsbergen 2013). This dispersal event coincides with the middle Eocene climatic optimum (MECO), a period of pronounced warming in the middle to late Eocene (Bohaty & Zachos 2003). Numerous other intercontinental faunal exchanges have been documented during this period (Beard *et al.* 1994; Chaimanee *et al.* 2012), indicating that the MECO could have been an important facilitator of intercontinental faunal exchange in many unrelated vertebrate groups.

### **1.5.3 Amphibian diversification during the EOEE**

The EOEE was followed by accelerated extinction rates in marine-life, mammals and vegetation (Sun *et al.* 2014). However, we found no evidence for a EOEE associated reduction of diversity in True Frogs. Extinction rates remained relatively constant through time, indicating that shifts in net-diversification were caused by decreased speciation rates, likely due to global cooling during the Oligocene or the lack of key innovations that prevented ecological generalists from competing with incumbent species (Duellman & Trueb 1994). The diversification history of True Frogs goes against the current thesis that amphibian net-diversification accelerated towards the

present (Roelants *et al.* 2007) or increased following range expansion (Pramuk *et al.* 2008). Our study demonstrates that, despite their dynamic biogeographic history of pan-global range expansion, True Frog diversity did not increase with range expansion. Rather, a relatively constant, linear accumulation of taxonomic diversity through time, coupled with instances of decreased speciation, characterized the evolutionary history of the planet's cosmopolitan True Frogs.

#### 1.5.4 Systematics

Although our phylogenetic analysis resolved a number of clades that were poorly supported in previous related studies (Oliver *et al.* 2015; Pyron & Wiens 2011; Wiens *et al.* 2009), numerous clades (e.g. *Huia*, *Glandirana*, *Sylvirana*, *Amnirana*, *Babina*) remain poorly supported with unstable topologies. The polyphyly of *Huia* has been shown in previous studies (Che *et al.* 2007; Stuart 2008) and likely reflects incorrect taxonomy as opposed to evolutionary convergence or parallel evolution. This study also provides stronger support for the paraphyly of *Glandirana* (Brown *et al.* 2013) which will most likely result in the synonymization of *Sanguirana* with the more senior nomen *Glandirana* (Frost 2015). The taxonomic placement and monophyly of *Amnirana* remains a challenging problem to resolve. Almost every study that has included this genus has produced conflicting phylogenetic relationships albeit with low support: sister to *Chalcorana* + *Pulchrana* (Pyron & Wiens 2011; Wiens *et al.* 2009); sister to *Amolops ricketti* (Huang *et al.* 2014); sister to *Humerana* + *Hylarana* + *Indosylvirana* + *Sylvirana* + *Hydrophylax* + *Papurana* (Oliver *et al.* 2015). Additionally Oliver *et al.* (2015) and Pyron & Wiens (2011) found African and Asian *Amnirana* to be monophyletic while Wiens, Sukumaran, Pyron & Brown (2009) and our study found African *Amnirana* to be polyphyletic with regard to

Asian *Amnirana*. This conflict has significant biogeographic implications regarding how *Amnirana* colonized Africa. Unfortunately our analysis also failed to resolve the phylogenetic placement of *Amnirana* and more data is probably needed to fully resolve the poorly supported nodes within the Ranidae phylogeny.

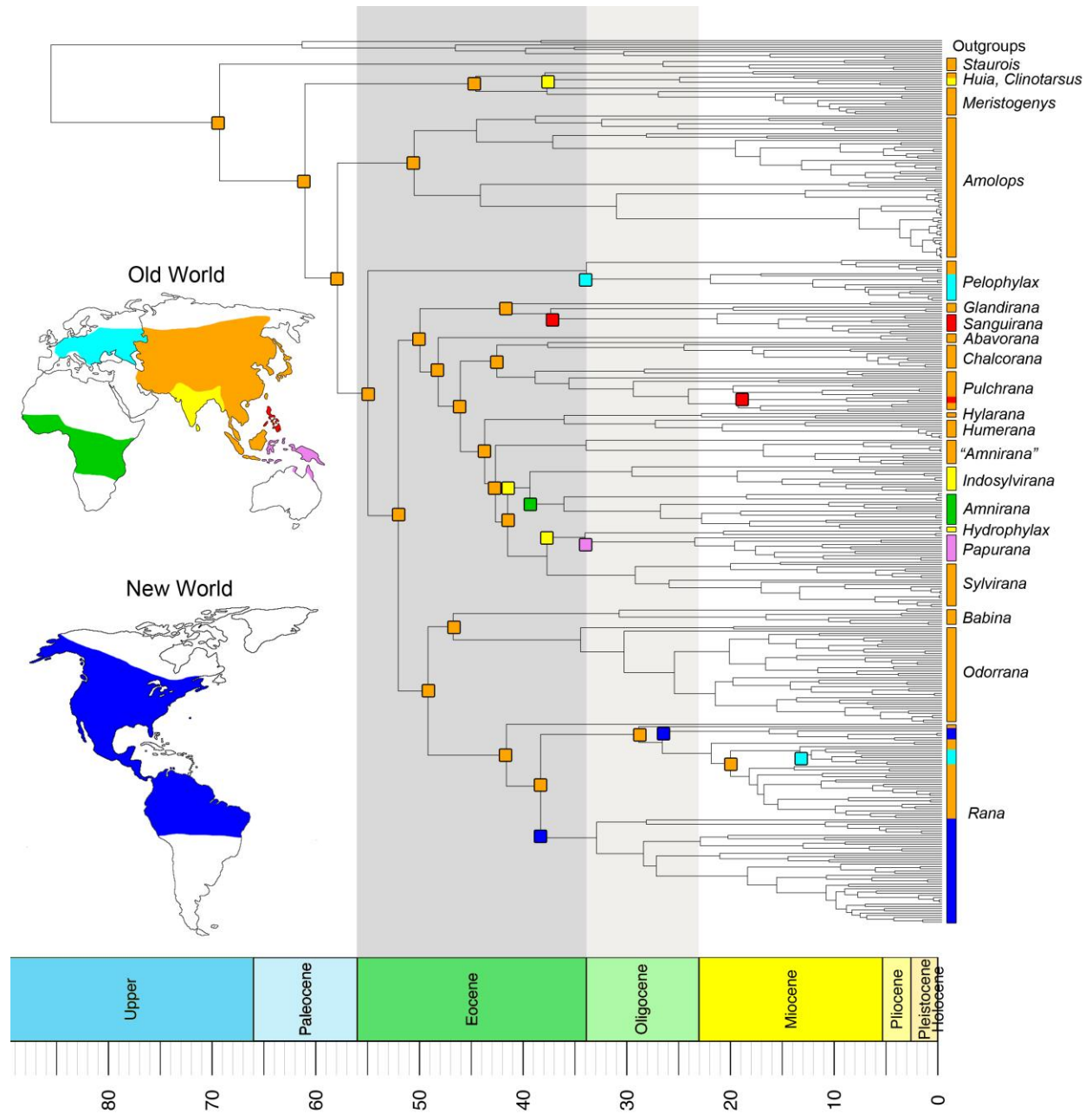


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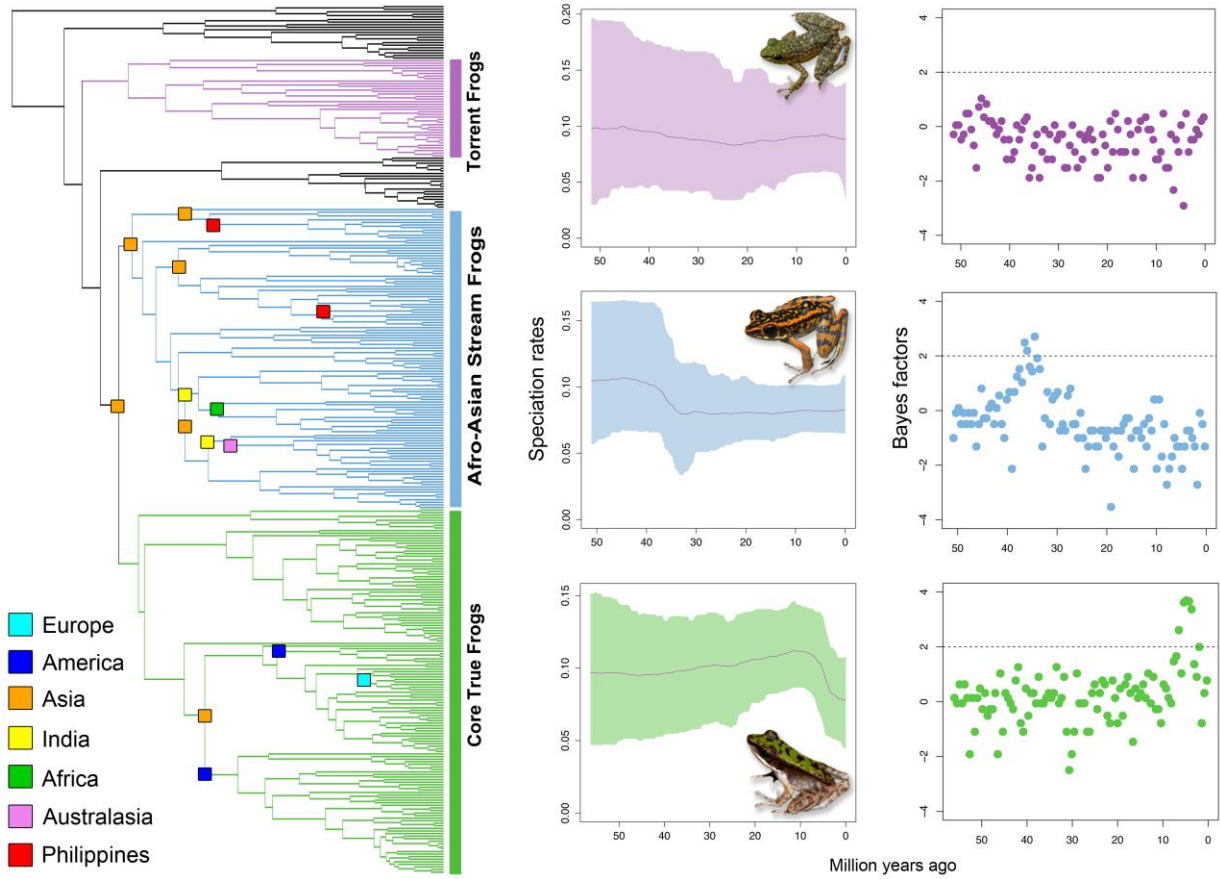
**Table 1.1** Model comparison results from the BioGeoBEARS analysis.

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DEC+J	-141.8861955	3	0.000437178	1.00E-12	0.001632332
DIVALIKE	-157.8676818	2	0.000789643	1.00E-12	0
DIVALIKE+J	-152.3083492	3	0.000454217	2.85E-11	0.002507451
BAYAREALIKE	-157.5969216	2	0.000417869	0.003936621	0
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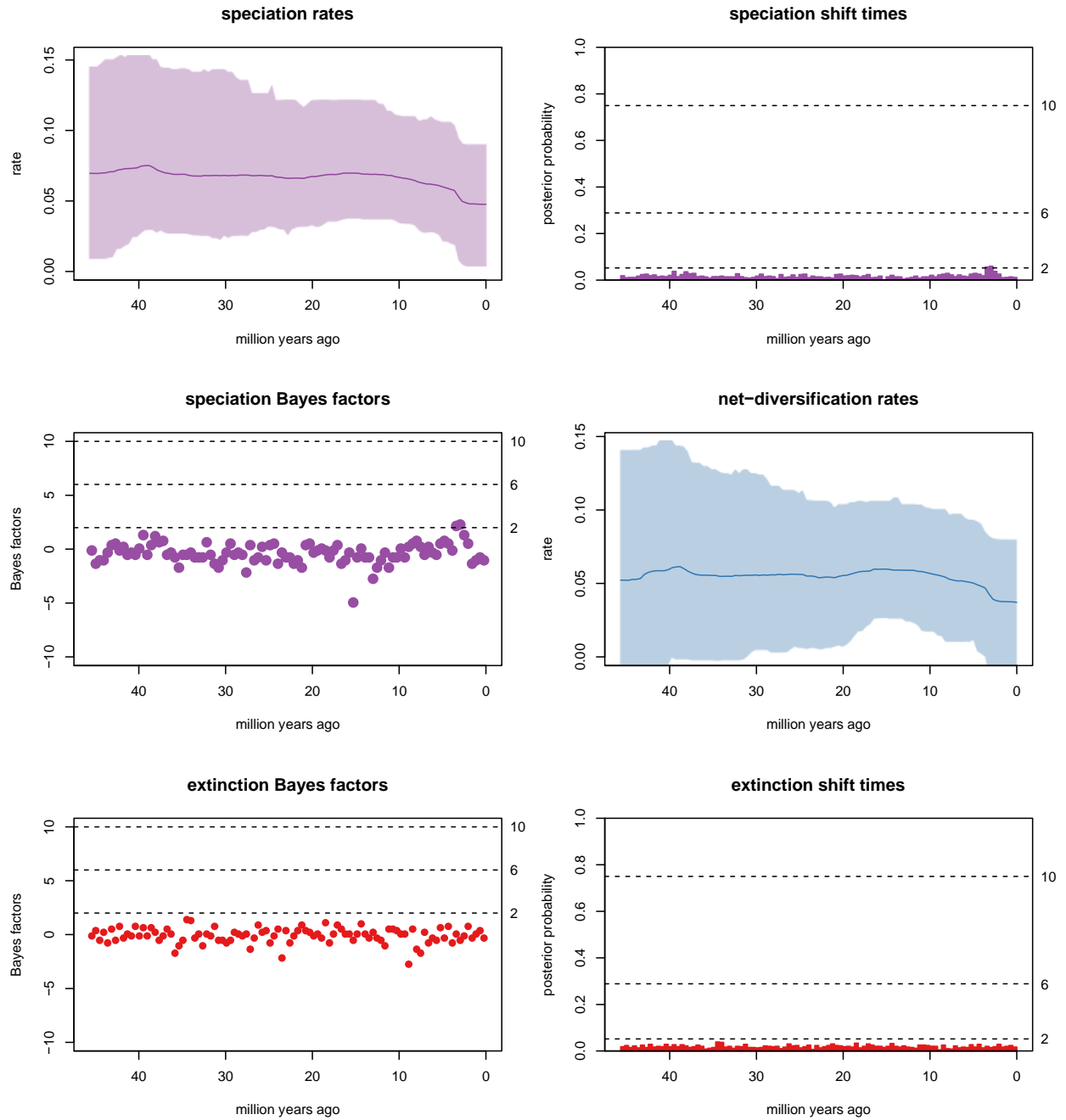
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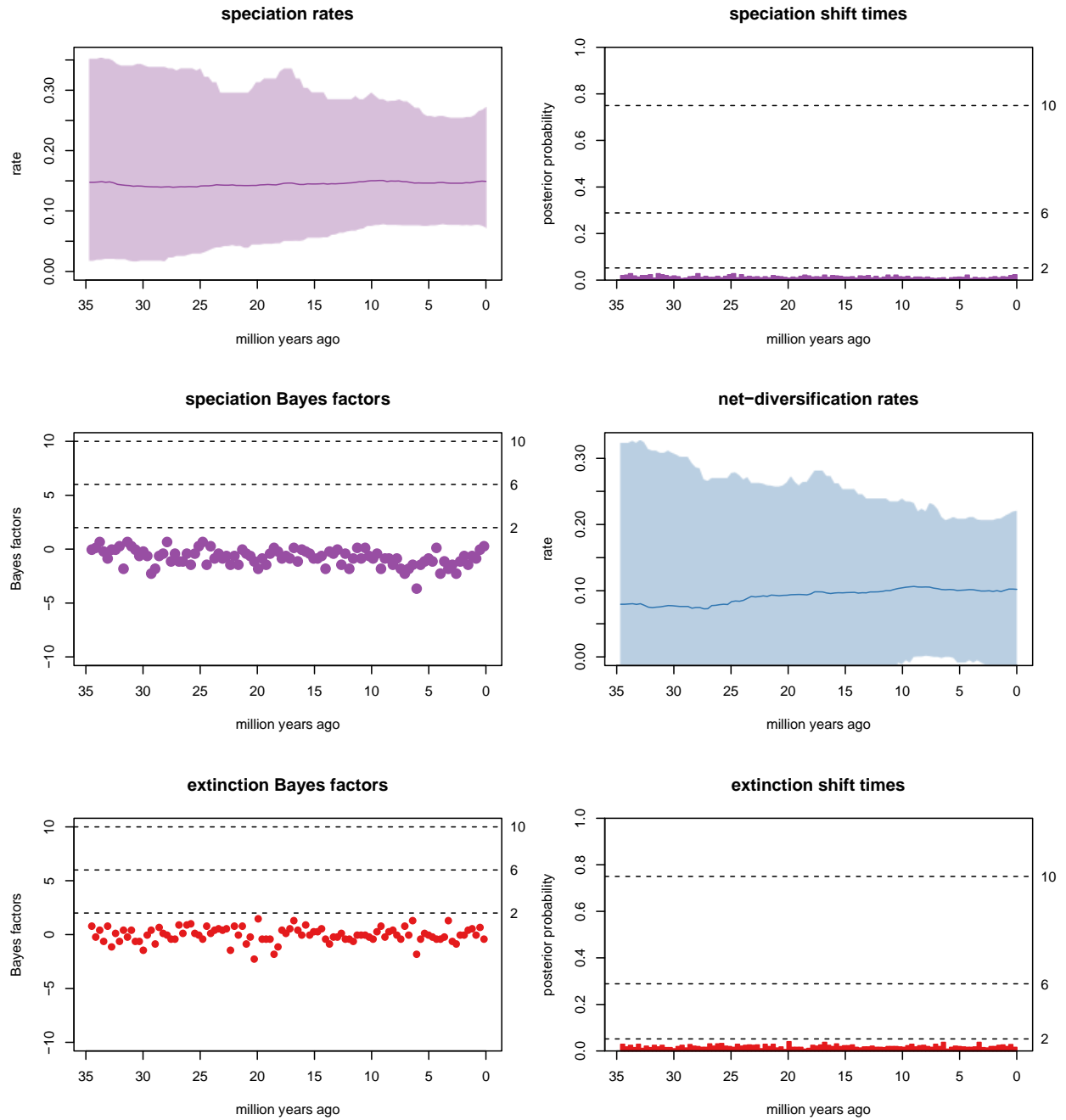
**Figure 1.1** Time-calibrated phylogeny and ancestral range reconstructions of the family Ranidae



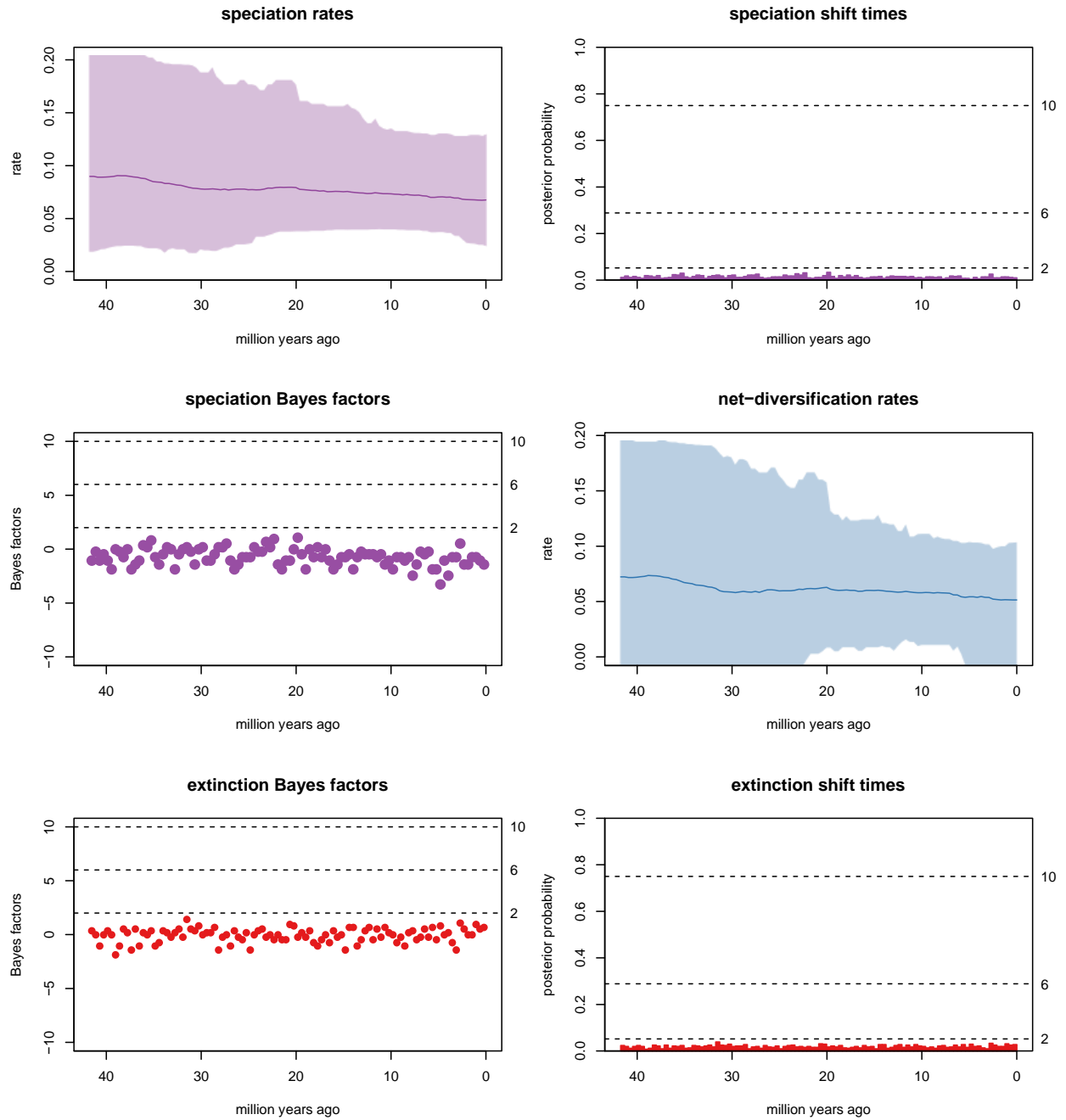
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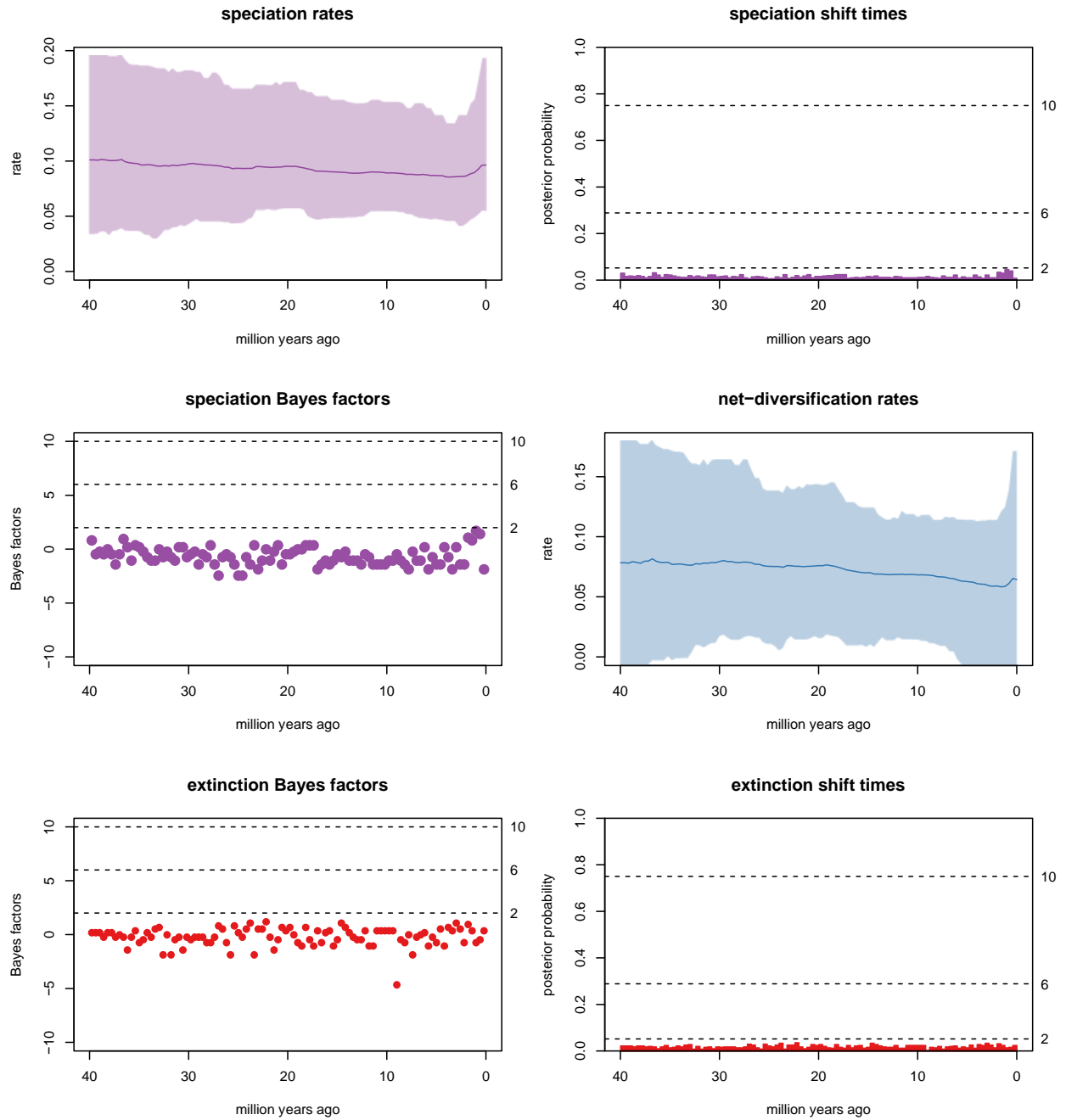
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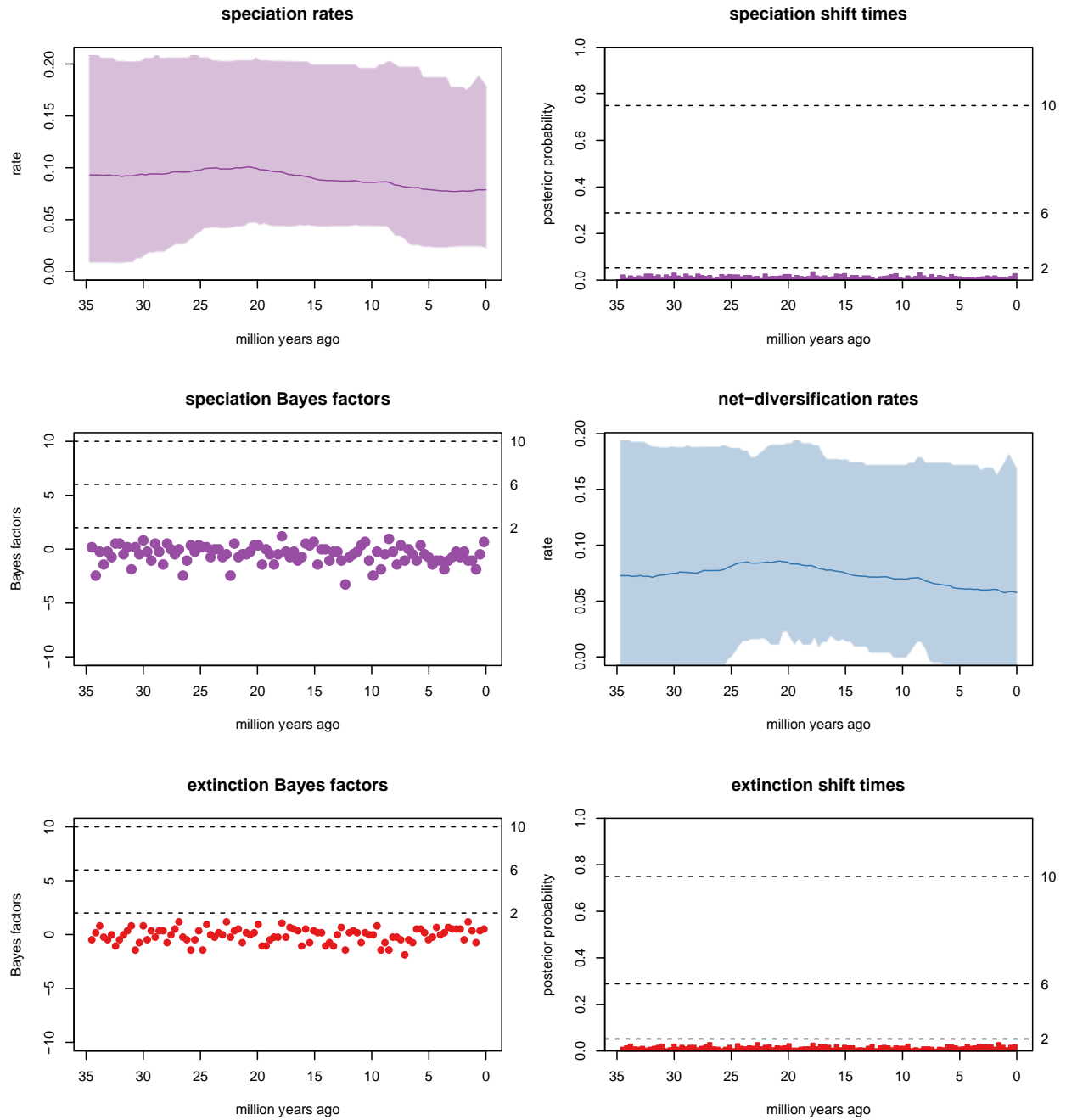
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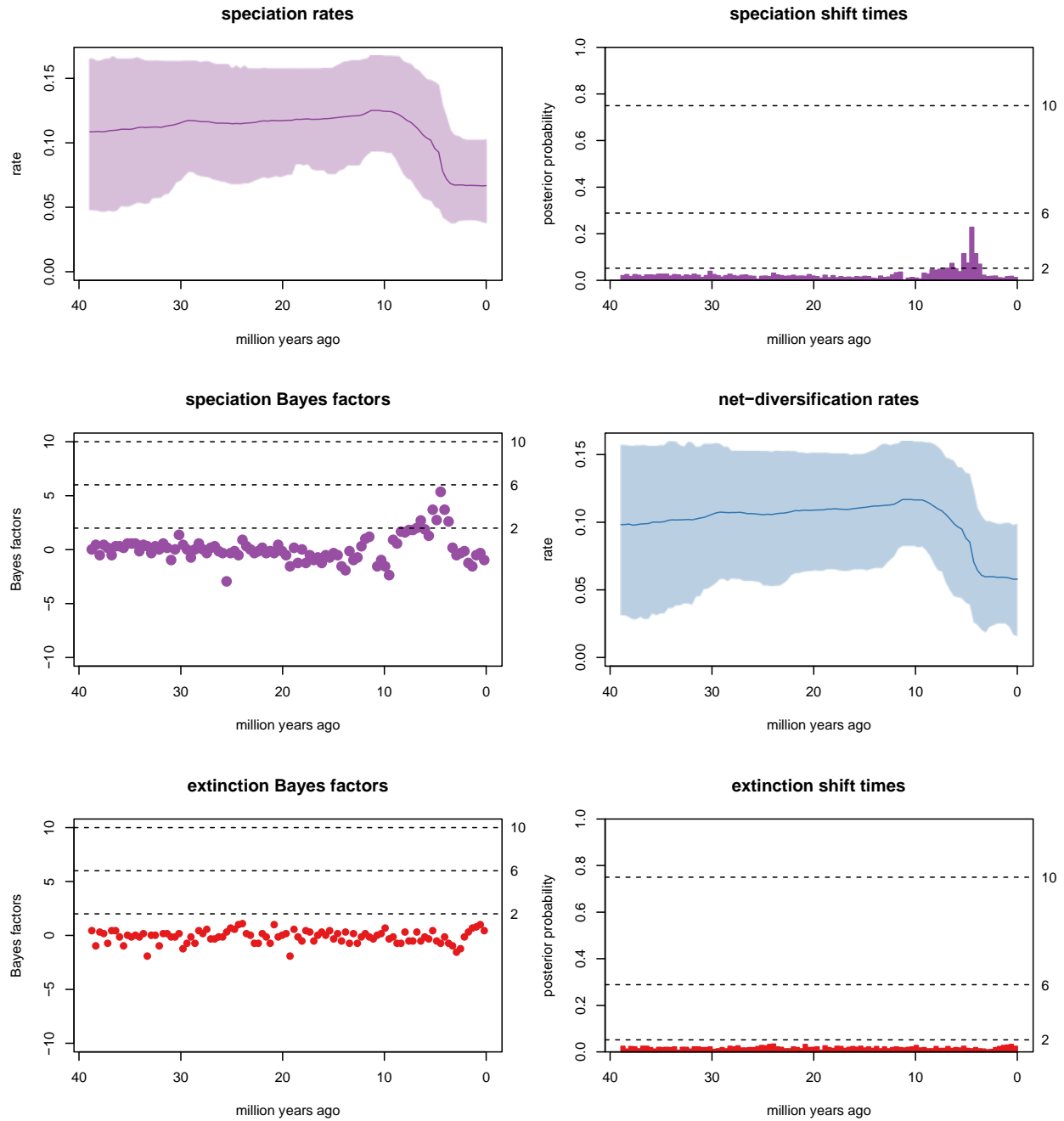


**Fig. 1.6** Results of the TESS analysis for the combined clade of *Amnirana* + *Indosylvirana*

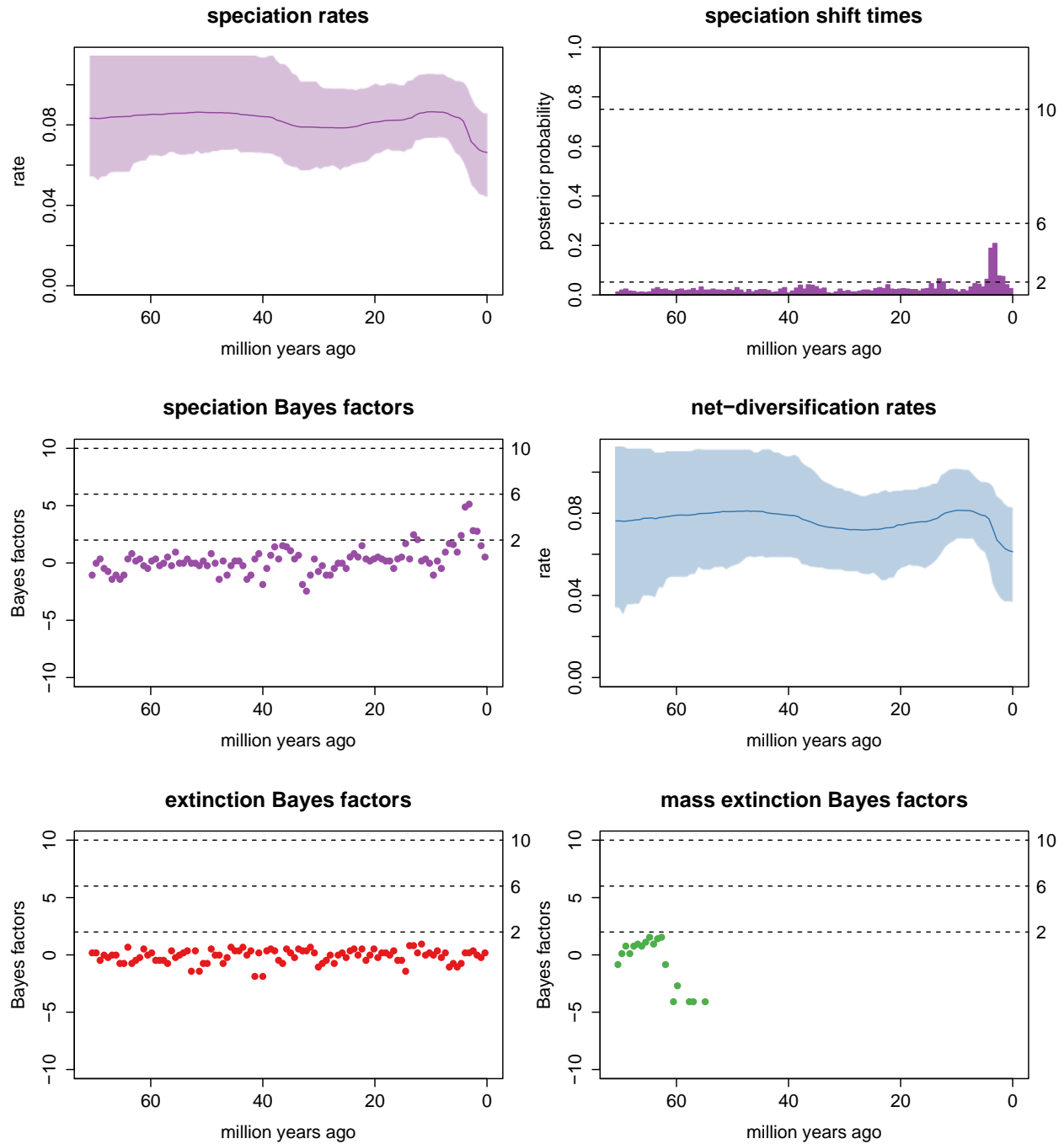


**Fig. 1.7** Results of the TESS analysis for the combined clade of *Papurana* + *Hydrophylax*





**Fig. 1.8** Results of the TESS analysis for the genus *Rana*



**Fig. 1.9** Results of the TESS analyses performed on the family-wide phylogeny.

# CHAPTER 2

## **Species delimitation with gene flow: a methodological comparison and population genomics approach to elucidate cryptic species boundaries in Malaysian Torrent Frogs**

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### **2.1 Abstract**

Accurately delimiting species boundaries is a non-trivial undertaking that can have significant effects on downstream inferences. We compared the efficacy of commonly-used species delimitation methods (SDMs) and a population genomics approach based on genome-wide single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) to assess lineage separation in the Malaysian Torrent Frog Complex currently recognized as a single species (*Amolops larutensis*). First, we used morphological, mitochondrial DNA and genome-wide SNPs to identify putative species boundaries by implementing non-coalescent and coalescent-based SDMs (mPTP, iBPP, BFD\*). We then tested the validity of putative boundaries by estimating spatiotemporal gene flow (fastsimcoal2, ABBA-BABA) to assess the extent of genetic isolation among putative species.

Our results show that the *A. larutensis* complex runs the gamut of the speciation continuum from highly divergent, genetically isolated lineages (mean  $F_{st} = 0.9$ ) to differentiating populations involving recent gene flow (mean  $F_{st} = 0.05$ ;  $N_m > 5$ ). As expected, SDMs were effective at delimiting divergent lineages in the absence of gene flow but overestimated species in the presence of marked population structure and gene flow. However, using a population genomics approach and the concept of species as separately evolving metapopulation lineages as the only necessary property of a species, we were able to objectively elucidate cryptic species boundaries in the presence of past and present gene flow. This study does not discount the utility of SDMs but highlights the danger of violating model assumptions and the importance of carefully considering methods that appropriately fit the diversification history of a particular system.

*Keywords:* Amolops, migration rate, fastsimcoal2, site frequency spectrum, gene flow, single-nucleotide polymorphism

## 2.2 Introduction

Delimiting species boundaries is a fundamental component of systematic biology that forms the framework for understanding the evolutionary processes that generate biodiversity (Mayr 1968). As such, accurately delimiting species boundaries is a non-trivial step that can have cascading ramifications (Veatch *et al.* 2017). Species delimitation is usually performed using certain properties of a species as criteria for assessing lineage independence. The most commonly used criteria include phenotypic distinctiveness, molecular divergence and phylogenetic placement (Brown & Stuart 2012; Leavitt *et al.* 2015; Leliaert *et al.* 2014; de Queiroz 2007; Tobias *et al.* 2010; Wiens & Penkrot 2002). These “traditional” properties can be useful in delimiting allopatric (Chan *et al.* 2011), phenotypically distinct (Grismer *et al.* 2010), and genetically

distant lineages where barriers to gene flow or sufficient time has passed for fixed character differences to accumulate (Chan *et al.* 2016; Grismer *et al.* 2013). However, cryptic lineages that occur in sympatry, have similar niches, and are not readily distinguishable phenotypically such as those characterized by recent/rapid radiations, can be harder to diagnose because divergent lineages no longer connected by gene flow cannot be easily distinguished from the local population structure within such lineages, forming a hierarchy of genetic differentiation and divergence (Barley *et al.* 2013; Carstens *et al.* 2013; Rannala 2015; Sukumaran & Knowles 2017). In such cases, traditional criteria are limited in utility for assessing lineage separation (de Queiroz 2005) and if not implemented with caution, can lead to erroneous results (Carstens *et al.* 2013).

Advances in genomic sequencing and bioinformatics have led to the ability to detect population structure between closely-related populations at unprecedented resolution (Benestan *et al.* 2015; Candy *et al.* 2015; Larson *et al.* 2014; Leslie *et al.* 2015). One of the challenges with such datasets is to distinguish between structure that is associated with intraspecific variation from that resulting from speciation (Sukumaran & Knowles 2017). Model-based methods make simplifying assumptions about certain parameters (e.g. gene flow, population size) during the speciation process, and range in complexity from non-coalescent, sequence-based methods that model speciation in terms of number of substitutions (Zhang *et al.* 2013) to highly parameterized Bayesian models based on the multispecies coalescent (Yang & Rannala 2010) that allow for the integration of multiple data types into a single model-based framework (Solís-Lemus *et al.* 2015). The efficacy of each method depends on how well the model fits the data, and processes that violate model assumptions such as gene flow (Burbrink & Guiher 2015; Sousa & Hey 2013;

Streicher *et al.* 2014) or spatial autocorrelation (Meirmans 2012; Reeves & Richards 2011) can yield inaccurate species delimitations.

Implicit within most species definitions— that species are separately evolving metapopulation lineages (de Queiroz 2007; Simpson 1961; Wiley 1978)— is the expectation that populations within a metapopulation lineage are connected by gene flow, but remain distinct from other such lineages (Frost & Hillis 1990; Petit & Excoffier 2009; de Queiroz 2005). Levels of gene flow among populations are not only influenced by intrinsic traits (e.g., dispersal ability) but also extrinsic spatial and temporal processes that shape genetic patterns across a landscape (Richardson *et al.* 2016). If these processes are overlooked, inferences of lineage boundaries may fail to recognize historical population associations (Knowles & Carstens 2007) or may be unable to distinguish true discontinuities (i.e., lineage separation) from variation that occurs within a species as a result of other phenomena such as continuous geographical clines or isolation-by-distance (de Queiroz 2007; Medrano *et al.* 2014; Sexton *et al.* 2014). Moreover, standard phylogenetic estimation methods have been shown to produce highly supported, erroneous topologies when gene flow is present, thereby invalidating downstream inferences that are based on these phylogenies, such as the identification of terminal monophyletic groups (Reeves & Richards 2007; Rosenberg 2007).

Here, we compared a wide range of commonly-used species delimitation methods and a population genomics approach to elucidate cryptic species boundaries in an understudied Southeast Asian frog complex. The Southeast Asian Sundaland Biodiversity Hotspot harbors one of the highest concentrations of endemic plants and vertebrates on the planet (Mittermeier *et al.* 1998; Myers *et al.* 2000). Unfortunately, only 7.8% of Sundaland’s original primary forest remains and some estimates suggest that up to 42% of its biodiversity could be lost by 2100

(Myers *et al.* 2000; Sodhi *et al.* 2004). Consequently, systematic research in this region has focused heavily on discovering and describing new species before they are lost. This is epitomized by the rapid surge of new amphibian and reptile descriptions over the last 15 years, resulting in more than a 20% increase in species richness (Brown & Stuart 2012; Giam *et al.* 2012; Grismer 2011). In virtually every one of these descriptions, species boundaries were delimited based on morphology and/or mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) (e.g. Chan *et al.* 2014a; b; Chan & Grismer 2010; Grismer *et al.* 2012, 2014). Given the present Southeast Asian biodiversity crisis (Miettinen *et al.* 2011; Sodhi *et al.* 2004; Wilcove *et al.* 2013) and the need to rapidly inventory the region's diversity, it is important to tackle this problem using all available methods, including not only traditional morphology and mtDNA-based approaches but also species delimitation approaches that are better suited to elucidating cryptic lineage diversity. Such methods, which importantly can take gene flow into consideration, are best implemented using genomic-scale data — increasingly available even for non-model organisms. Torrent frogs of the genus *Amolops* are represented by 51 species that collectively range from Tibet, northeastern India, southern China, southward throughout Indochina and the Thai-Malay Peninsula (Frost 2015). The bulk of species diversity lies in southern China and Indochina, yet only one species, *A. larutensis*, occurs in extreme southern Thailand and Peninsular Malaysia. This species has never been studied outside of the context of higher-level phylogenetics where it was represented by samples from only two named localities (Hasan *et al.* 2014; Matsui *et al.* 2006; Stuart 2008) and as a result, little is known of its intraspecific phenotypic and genetic diversity.

Our sampling of *Amolops larutensis* from new localities throughout Peninsular Malaysia revealed subtle phenotypic variation among geographic populations, leading us to hypothesize

that *A. larutensis* constitutes a complex of cryptic lineages. Because no prior data were available, we used a two-step approach to species delimitation by applying widely-used species delimitation analyses (Carstens *et al.* 2013; Rannala 2015) using a variety of data types including morphology, mtDNA and genome-wide SNPs to form preliminary hypotheses of species boundaries. We then tested these putative boundaries using a rigorous population genomics framework. Specifically, we diagnose lineage separation by assessing spatiotemporal gene flow under the general concept of species as a separately evolving metapopulation lineage and treat this as the only necessary property of a species (de Queiroz 2007). Therefore, the objectives of this study are two-fold: (1) evaluate the efficacy of commonly-used species delimitation methods in assessing lineage separation in cryptic species; (2) determine whether population genomics can be an effective tool in elucidating cryptic species boundaries.

## **2.3 Methods**

### **2.3.1 Sampling, data collection and accessibility**

Our total data set consisted of 225 samples for which some combination of morphological, mtDNA and SNP data were available (Appendix Tables 2, 3). Morphological data were obtained from a subset of 141 vouchered museum specimens examined from collections at La Sierra University Herpetological Collection (LSUHC), Riverside, California; Zoological Reference Collection (ZRC), Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum, Singapore; and University of Kansas Natural History Museum (KU), Lawrence, Kansas (Appendix Table 2).

DNA for mitochondrial and genomic sequencing was extracted from liver tissue using the Qiagen DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit. A total of 117 samples (including 79 of the 141 samples scored for morphology) were sequenced for mtDNA and genome-wide SNPs (Appendix Table



3). These samples were chosen from populations that maximized geographic coverage and altitudinal variation across all major mountain ranges. For mtDNA, we sequenced the 16S rRNA-encoding gene using primers from Evans *et al.* (2003) and sequencing protocol from McLeod (2010). Raw sequence data were aligned using the MUSCLE algorithm and resulting alignments were subsequently refined by eye in Geneious Pro version 5.3 (Kearse *et al.* 2012). In addition to these samples, 49 16S rRNA *Amolops* sequences were obtained from GenBank to assess the monophyly and phylogenetic placement of Peninsular Malaysian populations. Samples and corresponding GenBank accession numbers are listed in Appendix Table 3.

A subset of 95 samples (including 67 samples scored for morphology, 18 with mtDNA data; Appendix Table 3) were selected for genomic sequencing of nuclear DNA in the form of genome-wide SNPs using a single-end multiplexed shotgun genotyping protocol (Andolfatto *et al.* 2011). Briefly, 500 ng of DNA from each sample were digested with *NdeI* (New England Biosystems), ligated with a sample-specific barcode and then pooled in sets of 48 samples and run through a Pippin Prep™ (Sage) to select fragments between 400–500 bp. Genomic samples were sequenced in one lane of the Illumina HiSeq 2500 platform at the Genome Sequencing Core Facility at the University of Kansas. Loci were subsequently assembled and filtered using the program pyRAD v.3.0.5 (Eaton 2014). The maximum number of low quality, undetermined sites (“N”) in filtered sequences was set to 4 and proportion of shared polymorphic sites in a locus was set at 10% (Eaton 2014). Because overly stringent similarity thresholds have been shown to cause “over-splitting” by splitting orthologous reads into multiple loci (Catchen *et al.* 2013; Harvey *et al.* 2015; Ilut *et al.* 2014), whereas more liberal thresholds were found to have minimal bias effects on inference (Ilut *et al.* 2014; Rubin *et al.* 2012), we employed a relatively relaxed threshold of 88% similarity between reads when clustering loci. We then used two different

settings for minimum depth of coverage (min. read depth=5 and 10) and minimum taxon coverage (30% and 50% missing samples per locus) to produce four SNP datasets (Table 2.1). To avoid linkage across sites within the same locus, the single SNP with the highest sample coverage was selected from each locus.

### **2.3.2 Establishing putative species boundaries**

Putative species boundaries were established using the following species delimitation framework based on traditional and widely used criteria:

1. We estimated mtDNA phylogenies and identified monophyletic lineages. Each monophyletic lineage that corresponded to a discrete or recognizable geographic region was defined as an Operational Taxonomic Unit (OTU).
2. We calculated uncorrected genetic distance between OTUs based on the mtDNA sequence alignment.
3. We assessed morphological variation and distinctiveness between OTUs using multivariate analyses.
4. Finally, given the support of geographic data, clades recovered with our concatenated SNP phylogenies and the sNMF populations structure assignments (methods and results discussed below) for the OTUs described using mtDNA, we then performed non-coalescent and coalescent-based species delimitation analyses to establish putative species boundaries for downstream hypothesis testing.

***Phylogenetic estimation.***—Bayesian and maximum likelihood (ML) methods were used to infer phylogenetic relationships from mtDNA. Bayesian inference was implemented in the program

MrBayes 3.2.6 (Ronquist *et al.* 2012) using a reversible jump MCMC +  $\Gamma$  substitution model and default priors. Four independent MCMC runs (10,000,000 generations and four chains per run) were combined and assessed for convergence using the program Tracer v1.6 (Rambaut *et al.* 2014) and a 50% majority rule consensus tree was produced by excluding the first 25% of sampled trees as burn-in. The program IQ-TREE (Nguyen *et al.* 2014) was used to perform ML analyses. The Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) was used to select the most appropriate substitution model and branch support was assessed using 10,000 ultrafast bootstrap approximation replicates (Minh *et al.* 2013).

For SNP data, a ML phylogeny was also estimated using IQ-TREE. We applied an ascertainment bias correction using the ASC model (Lewis 2001) and branch support was assessed using 10,000 ultrafast bootstrap approximation replicates. Additionally, we estimated a species tree under the Bayesian multispecies coalescent framework implemented in the program SNAPP (Bryant *et al.* 2012) through BEAST v.2.3.1 (Drummond & Bouckaert 2015). We used the previously identified OTUs as *a priori* species assignments and the following parameter settings: mutation rates ( $u$  and  $v$ ) and the shape parameter for the gamma distribution prior on population sizes ( $\alpha$ ) were set at 1.0; the beta scale parameter was set at 333 (calculated from the mean value of the total number of polymorphic sites); and the speciation rate prior ( $\lambda$ ) was sampled from a broad gamma distribution of  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\beta = 200$ . The MCMC chain was run for 10,000,000 generations, sampling every 1,000 states, and stationarity was assessed in the program Tracer v1.6. The posterior distribution was considered adequately sampled when effective sample size (ESS) values for parameters were greater than 200.

**Morphological variation and species delimitation.**—Nine continuous morphological characters were measured from adult specimens: snout-vent-length (SVL), head length (HL), head width (HW), internarial distance (IND), snout length (SNL), forearm length (FAL), femur length (FL), tibia length (TBL), and third finger disc width (Fin3DW) following Chan *et al.* (2016). Due to pronounced sexual size dimorphism, male and female measurements were analyzed separately. Characters were adjusted for allometric growth using the following equation:  $X_{adj} = X - \beta(SVL - SVL_{mean})$ , where  $X_{adj}$ =adjusted value;  $X$ =measured value;  $\beta$ =unstandardized regression coefficient for each OTU;  $SVL$ =measured snout-vent-length;  $SVL_{mean}$ =overall average SVL of all OTUs (Leonart *et al.* 2000; Thorpe 1975, 1983; Turan 1999). Adjusted variables were then log-transformed prior to downstream analyses. We performed a principal components analysis (PCA) on this adjusted morphological dataset to find the best low-dimensional representation of variation in the data. Components with eigenvalues above 1.0 were retained in accordance to Kaiser's criterion (Kaiser 1960). To further characterize population clustering, a discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) was performed to find the linear combinations of variables that have the largest between-group variance and the smallest within-group variance. The DAPC analysis relies on data transformation using PCA as a prior step to a discriminant analysis (DA), ensuring that variables submitted to the DA analysis are uncorrelated and that their number is less than that of analyzed individuals (Jombart *et al.* 2010)

Uncorrected pairwise p-distances were calculated from the mitochondrial sequence alignments using the program PAUP\* (Swofford 2002). We then carried out species delimitation based on mtDNA using a method that has been shown to perform well with single-locus data (Tang *et al.* 2014). The multi-rate Poisson tree processes (mPTP) is a non-coalescent, maximum likelihood, sequence-based method that models speciation in terms of number of substitutions

(Zhang *et al.* 2013). This method identifies changes in the tempo of branching events, where the number of substitutions between species is assumed to be significantly higher than the number of substitutions within species. Additionally, the model incorporates different levels of intraspecific genetic diversity deriving from differences in either evolutionary history or sampling of each species (Kapli *et al.* 2017; Zhang *et al.* 2013). During phylogenetic inference, identical sequences are assigned very short non-zero branch lengths to retain the binary shape of the tree. Because this program requires a binary phylogeny, the 50% majority consensus tree estimated from the Bayesian analysis was used as the input tree. Confidence of the delimitation scheme was assessed using two independent MCMC chains at 5,000,000 generations each. Support values indicate the fraction of sampled delimitations in which a node was part of the speciation process.

We jointly analyzed morphological and mtDNA in a common coalescent Bayesian framework using the program iBPP. This method has been shown to improve the accuracy of species delimitation by integrating phenotypic and genetic data (Solís-Lemus *et al.* 2015). The iBPP analysis was performed with and without mtDNA data to maximize the signal derived from phenotypic variation and to evaluate the influence of mtDNA sequence data on this integrated analysis. Male and female datasets were analyzed separately to avoid biases from sexual dimorphism. We used three different combinations of priors for ancestral population size ( $\theta$ ) and root age ( $t_0$ ) drawn from a gamma distribution specified as  $G(\alpha, \beta)$ , where  $\alpha$  is the shape and  $\beta$  is the rate parameter. All other divergence time parameters were assigned the uniform Dirichlet prior (Fujita *et al.* 2012; Pyron *et al.* 2016; Yang & Rannala 2010). We chose a diffuse shape parameter ( $\alpha = 1$  or 2) and parameterized  $\beta$  for large ancestral populations and deep divergences,  $\theta \sim G(1, 10)$ ,  $t_0 \sim G(1, 10)$ ; small ancestral populations and shallow divergences  $\theta \sim G(2, 2000)$ ,

to  $\sim G(2, 2000)$ ; and large ancestral populations with shallow divergences  $\square \sim G(1, 10)$ , to  $\sim G(2, 2000)$ . Both rjMCMC algorithms were implemented: Algorithm 0 with  $\square = 5$ ; Algorithm 1 with  $\square = 2$  and  $m = 1$ . Two independent runs were performed for each algorithm and prior combination with a chain length of 50,000 sampled every fifty generations, discarding 1,000 generations as burn-in. MCMC convergence was assumed when results were the same between multiple runs using the two algorithms (Yang 2015).

Species delimitation analysis on genomic SNPs was performed using the Bayes factor delimitation method (BFD\*; Leaché *et al.* 2014). Different species delimitation models were constructed by lumping and splitting OTUs based on plausible biogeographic scenarios and phylogenetic topologies derived from prior phylogenetic analyses (Table 2). The marginal likelihood of each model was estimated via path sampling using 48 steps, an alpha of 0.3, and a MCMC chain length of 100,000 with a pre-burnin of 100,000 (Leaché *et al.* 2014). Natural log Bayes factors (BF) were used to compare the log marginal likelihoods (MLE) of competing models using the equation  $BF = 2[MLE(model1) - MLE(model2)]$ , where model 1 was the model with the largest number of species. A positive BF value indicates support for model 1 and a negative value support for model 2.

### **2.3.3 Validation of putative species boundaries using genome-wide SNPs**

***Population structure and differentiation.***—Population structure was characterized by estimating individual ancestry coefficients that represent the proportions of an individual genome that originate from multiple ancestral gene pools. Calculations were implemented in the program sNMF based on sparse non-negative matrix factorization and least-squares optimization (Frichot *et al.* 2014; Kim & Park 2007). Ancestry coefficients estimated using the sNMF method have

been shown to produce results that are comparable to other widely used programs such as ADMIXTURE and STRUCTURE, but have the advantage of estimating homozygote and heterozygote frequencies and avoiding Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium assumptions (Frichot *et al.* 2014). We calculated ancestry coefficients for 1–16 ancestral populations (K) using 100 replicates for each K. The preferred number of K was chosen using a cross entropy criterion based on the prediction of masked genotypes to evaluate the error of ancestry estimation. The sNMF method was implemented in the R package *LEA* (Frichot & François 2015).

To determine whether genetic structure was spatially autocorrelated, we conducted a Mantel test by examining the correlation between genetic distance and Euclidean geographic distance. Correlation values were compared against a distribution of permuted values based on 1,000 replicates simulated under the absence of spatial structure. The Mantel test was performed using the R package *adeigenet* 2.0.1 (Jombart 2008).

Genetic distances between population pairs were estimated using Wright's  $F_{st}$  and Jost's  $D$  (Jost 2008; Meirmans & Hedrick 2011; Whitlock 2011; Wright 1951). Population differentiation was tested with Analysis of Molecular Variance, AMOVA (Excoffier *et al.* 1992) using the number of different alleles ( $F_{st}$ ) based on the infinite allele model (Weir & Cockerham 1984), nesting individuals within populations, and populations within the eastern (East) versus central + western (West) mountain ranges. Significance was assessed using 1,000 permutations. These calculations were performed using the program GENODIVE v2.0b27 (Meirmans & Van Tienderen 2004).

**Hybridization and demographic analyses.**— Hybridization at the contact zone was investigated by calculating the hybrid index (Buerkle 2005). East 1 and Larutensis were selected as parental populations while West 1 was designated as the putative hybrid population.

Population connectivity was assessed by estimating the effective number of migrants exchanged between populations per generation ( $N_m$ ) using fastsimcoal2 v.52.21 (Excoffier *et al.* 2013). Due to computational constraints, we only analyzed populations from the western clade. A folded site frequency spectrum (SFS) was obtained with custom *R*-code (Alexander 2017) and  $\delta a \delta i$  v1.7.0 (Gutenkunst *et al.* 2009), projecting down population sizes to maximize the number of segregating sites using custom *R*-code (Alexander 2017). Four scenarios were examined: contemporary and historical migration, contemporary migration only, historical migration only, no migration (Appendix Figs. 9–12; Appendix Table 6). Population divergence times followed Chan & Brown (2017), with the exception of the timing of the divergence of West 2 from West 3/West 4, which was set as halfway between the coalescence of all populations and the divergence of West 3/West 4 (as the SNP topology differs from the mtDNA for this lineage). For each scenario, 50 replicate fastsimcoal2 runs were carried out with the following settings: -n 100,000 -N 100,000 -m -multiSFS -q -M 0.001 -l 10 -L 40. Initial prior distributions followed a uniform distribution based on the population-specific theta (distribution range: one order of magnitude lower and higher than theta estimate) estimated using the program GENEPOP (Rousset 2008), and the data were modeled as *FREQ*, with the number of independent chromosomes equal to the number of non-monomorphic SNPs in the SFS (4018). We used a mutation rate of  $1.91 \times 10^{-8}$  following Barker *et al.* (2011), and assumed vicariant splits between populations (i.e. the number of simulated individuals remained constant through time). The range in parameter estimates for the initial fifty runs were used as the prior distributions for the next run, and this



process continued until no further increase in likelihood was detected. Using the parameter values from the run with the highest likelihood, an additional run with  $-n/-N = 1,000,000$  was carried out to more accurately estimate the likelihood. The best fitting scenario was then assessed by Akaike's information criterion (AIC) score (Akaike 1974). The parameter estimates for the best-fitting scenario were used to simulate 100 parametric bootstraps of the SFS. The data-type was changed to DNA, with a mutation rate of  $1.91 \times 10^{-8}$ , and the number of chromosomal segments equaling the total number of sites in the SFS (including monomorphic sites: 5695). The length of the chromosomal segments was set at 100 bp, and the mutation rate (to three significant figures) was adjusted by trial and error until the closest match to the number of non-monomorphic in the observed SFS was obtained. After the bootstrap replicates were generated, the \*.tpl and \*.est files that led to the run with the highest likelihood in the initial screening runs of the best scenario were then used with the bootstrap replicates to obtain confidence intervals for the parameter estimates, discarding the 2.5% lowest and highest estimates for each parameter.

To differentiate between introgression and incomplete lineage sorting, we used Patterson's D-statistic (ABBA-BABA test), based on the frequencies of discordant SNP genealogies in a pectinate four-taxon tree [(((P1,P2),P3),O)]. This test assumes that two SNP patterns, "ABBA" and "BABA" should be equally frequent under a scenario of incomplete lineage sorting without gene flow, where "A" denotes the ancestral allele and "B", the derived allele. An excess of ABBA or BABA patterns would therefore be indicative of introgression (Durand *et al.* 2011; Patterson *et al.* 2012). We calculated  $D$  over combinations of four taxa that fitted the four-taxon tree configuration across all plausible topologies inferred from our phylogenetic analyses. Population pairs that did not conform to any plausible relationships were not included in the test. Four samples from each population were randomly chosen to form taxon

sets. Ingroup taxa (P1–P3) were then iterated over all possible combinations of individuals that were chosen, while samples were pooled into groups for the outgroup population (O). This approach allows the use of any locus shared by the three sampled ingroup taxa and at least one outgroup, effectively down-weighting  $D$  if the ancestral allele was not fixed across multiple outgroup samples, thus making it a more conservative test. The standard deviation of  $D$  was calculated from 200 bootstrap replicates and the observed  $D$  was converted to a Z-score measuring the number of standard deviations it deviated from 0. Significance was assessed using a  $P$ -value at  $\alpha = 0.01$  after the Holm-Bonferroni correction for multiple testing (number of possible combinations fitting the given species tree hypothesis; Eaton & Ree 2013; Eaton *et al.* 2015). The D-statistic test was implemented in PyRAD.

## 2.4 Results

### 2.4.1 Phylogenetic relationships

**Mitochondrial DNA.**—Both Bayesian and ML phylogenetic analyses on mtDNA produced congruent topologies at most major nodes, inferred Peninsular Malaysian *Amolops* as a monophyletic clade sister to *A. cremnobatus* from Indochina, and had identical topologies within the Peninsular Malaysian subclade (Appendix Fig. 5). Within the Peninsular Malaysian subclade, all nodes were highly supported in the ML tree (bootstrap > 90%, Fig. 2.1A) whereas in the Bayesian tree, one node received relatively low support (posterior probability 0.4; Appendix Fig. 5). Two highly divergent (14–16% p-distance, 16S; Appendix Fig. 6), reciprocally monophyletic Peninsular Malaysian *Amolops* clades were recovered with high support by both methods. These corresponded to populations from the eastern vs. western + central mountain ranges (hereafter referred to simply as eastern and western clades; Fig. 2.1). In the eastern clade, we defined two

genetically distinct and reciprocally monophyletic OTU's (separated by 7–8% p-distance, 16S) that corresponded to populations from the northeastern mountain range (East 1) and southeastern mountain range (East 2). In the western clade, five subclades were recovered (1–5% p-distance, 16S; Appendix Fig. 6). We designated these OTU's as Larutensis (type locality of *A. larutensis*), West 1, West 2, West 3 and West 4 (Fig. 2.1).

**Genome-wide SNPs.**—After quality control filtering of the initial 153 million reads obtained across all samples, a total of ~130 million reads were retained. The total number of unlinked SNPs in the final datasets that were used for downstream analyses ranged from 4,744 to 17,123 (Table 2.1).

Maximum likelihood analyses on concatenated SNP datasets led to four different phylogenies depending on how loci were filtered (Appendix Fig. 7). At a minimum depth of 5 and 50% missing data, all major splits were highly supported, however a topology differing from the mtDNA tree was produced (Fig. 2.1B). The SNP dataset at a minimum depth of 5 and less missing data (30%) inferred a similar phylogeny, albeit with low support for the relationships among populations within the western clade (Appendix Fig. 7). Phylogenies constructed from the SNP datasets with a minimum depth of 10 failed to recover the West 2, West 3 and West 4 populations as monophyletic groups. Furthermore, support for deeper nodes was significantly lower. Topological placement of the East 1 and East 2 populations were congruent and highly supported throughout all phylogenetic analyses and datasets, including mtDNA. One sample from the contact zone (denoted by an asterisk in Fig. 2.1) was embedded within West 1 in the mtDNA phylogeny but recovered as a distinct lineage within the eastern clade across all SNP phylogenies, indicating a putative hybrid. The SNAPP analysis failed to converge when

including populations from both eastern and western clades. Since the relationships of populations in the eastern clade were highly supported in all other analyses, we performed a separate analysis on a dataset that only included populations from the western clade. This analysis converged and produced a maximum clade credibility tree topology similar to the concatenated SNP ML phylogeny (min. depth=5, 50% missing data) with 1.0 posterior probability at each node (not shown).

#### **2.4.2 Morphological variation and putative species boundaries**

In both the male and female morphological datasets, the first three principal components (PCs) had eigenvalues above 1.0 and were retained for subsequent analyses. These PCs captured 69% (males) and 78% (females) of the total variance (Appendix Table 2). In males, East 2 showed some separation along the first and third (but not second) axes, whereas in females, the East 2 formed a distinct, non-overlapping cluster along the first axis but was undifferentiated along the second and third axes (Fig. 2.2). When variances between OTUs were maximized, the DAPC analysis also isolated the East 2 as a distinct cluster in both males and females but showed no separation for the other populations. No clear separation was detected in either sex across the other populations in the PCA or DAPC analysis (Figs. 2.2, Appendix Fig. 8).

A total of five species were delimited using the mPTP species delimitation method. East 1, East 2, West 3 and West 4 were delimited as separate species with maximum average support values of 1.0, whereas *Larutensis*, West 1 and West 2 received low support (0.003), suggesting that these OTUs should be lumped as a single species (Fig. 2.2).

All independent iBPP runs under both rjMCMC algorithms and all combinations of priors produced the same results, indicating convergence (Yang 2015). Species delimitation results

were similar regardless of whether sequence data were included or excluded in the analyses. In the male dataset (with sequences included), all OTUs were highly supported as distinct species (pp = 1.0). For the female dataset, all OTUs were supported as distinct species (posterior probability = 1.0) with the exception of the split between West 1 and Larutensis, which was moderately supported (pp = 0.7, Fig. 2.2).

Due to the previous lack of convergence in SNAPP analyses including both western and eastern clade individuals, and because relationships were unambiguous for the eastern clade, we restricted the BFD\* analysis to populations from the western clade only. Marginal likelihood estimates improved as the number of species increased and favored the model that defined each population as a distinct species. The second-ranked model favored four species by lumping West 3 and West 4 as a single species. However, when compared to the five-species model, the BF value was high (+3978), indicating strong support for the five-species model (Table 2.2).

### **2.4.3 Validation of putative species boundaries**

*Population structure and differentiation.*—The population structure analysis (sNMF) on both SNP datasets at a minimum depth of five inferred similar patterns of population structure and admixture, where K=2 split individuals into eastern and western clusters. For the dataset with 50% missing data, K=7 had the lowest cross-entropy value (Fig. 2.3), whereas the dataset with 30% missing data inferred K=6 as the preferred number of genetic clusters. Signatures of admixture were detected among populations from the western clade. At the contact zone, the putative hybrid sample appeared admixed between East 1 and West 1 genotypes. Apart from the putative hybrid (further investigated below), no further admixture was detected between the eastern and western clades. This analysis also inferred an additional population at the central

region of the eastern mountain range (the southernmost East 1 population in Fig 2.3). We refer to this subpopulation as East 1.2 in subsequent analyses, to distinguish it from the north East 1.1 subpopulation.

Within the western clade,  $F_{st}$  and Jost's  $D$  values based on SNP data were low among populations, ranging from 0.03–0.09 (mean=0.053) and 0.001–0.003 (mean=0.002) respectively. These values were higher among populations within the eastern clade, ranging from 0.57–0.93 (mean=0.7) and 0.02–0.14 (mean=0.08) for  $F_{st}$  and Jost's  $D$  respectively. Similarly,  $F_{st}$  and Jost's  $D$  values were also high when western and eastern populations were compared with each other (Table 2.3). Results of the AMOVA analyses on populations from the western clade showed that most of the variation (74%) occurred within individuals whereas in the eastern clade, most of the variation (65%) occurred among populations. When populations were nested within the western and eastern clades, most of the variation (53%) was attributed to the eastern versus western groupings (Table 2.4).

**Hybridization and demographic analyses.**—The hybrid index analysis showed that one out of seven samples (sample ID 21011, previously identified as a putative hybrid above) within the West 1 population was a hybrid between *Larutensis* and the combined East 1 parental populations ( $h = 0.549$ ). The other six samples had  $h$ -values close to zero, indicating a strong affinity with *Larutensis* and that it was very unlikely they were of hybrid origin (Appendix Table 5).

For the fastsimcoal2 analysis, the full migration model was the best fit according to AIC. We examined a version of this model where migration rates between populations were constrained to be symmetrical, but it had a poorer fit to the data than the full migration model

that allowed for asymmetrical migration rates (Appendix Table 6). We therefore restrict our discussion to the full asymmetrical migration model only. Contemporary migration rates between Larutensis and all other populations were low ( $Nm = 0.2\text{--}0.6$ ), suggesting reproductive isolation. Gene flow was highest between West 1 and West 2 ( $Nm = 5.5$ ) and West 3 and West 4 ( $Nm = 5.8$ ), whereas relatively low levels of gene flow were detected between West 2 and West 3 ( $Nm = 1.0$ ; Fig. 2.4, Table 2.3). However, it should be pointed out that the confidence intervals of all point estimates associated with this model were wide (Appendix Table 6), suggesting denser sampling of the genome would be needed to accurately estimate parameters of this parameter-rich model. Among the historical migration rates, an outlier was the very high rate of migration from West 2 into the ancestor of the Larutensis/West 1 populations (Appendix Table 6). This high inferred gene flow could explain the discrepancy between the SNP and mtDNA phylogenies, with the sister relationship of West 2 and Larutensis/West 1 in the latter due to this introgression event.

The D-statistic was used to differentiate between introgression and incomplete lineage sorting among adjacent populations within the western clade, eastern clade, and between both western and eastern clades (Fig. 2.4, Table 2.3). Within the western clade, high levels of introgression (significant for all 63/63 combinations) were detected between West 1 and West 2, while low levels of introgression were detected between West 2 and West 3 (significant for 28/63 combinations). No introgression was detected between Larutensis and West 1 or Larutensis and West 2. These results are congruent with estimates from the fastsimcoal2 analysis (Table 2.3). Introgression between the sister lineages Larutensis–West 1 and West 3–West 4 were not assessed because the D-statistic is unable to test for gene flow between sister lineages P1 and P2 in a pectinate four-taxon tree [(((P1,P2),P3),O)].

Within the eastern clade, low levels of introgression were detected between East 1.1 and East 1.2 (significant in 8/23 combinations) whereas introgression was not detected between East 1.2 and East 2. Introgression was also absent among adjacent populations from the western and eastern clade, even between syntopic populations at the contact zone, excluding the hybrid sample (Table 2.3; Fig. 2.4).

Spatial autocorrelation was not detected when the Mantel test was performed on the entire SNP dataset ( $p=0.242$ ), but was significant when the test was performed separately on the eastern ( $p=0.014$ ) and western ( $p=0.009$ ) clades (Appendix Fig. 13). Although spatial autocorrelation can result in a correlation of genetic and geographic distances, distant and divergent populations can also result in such a pattern. To distinguish between these two scenarios, we used a non-parametric approach by plotting both genetic and geographic distances and using two-dimensional kernel density estimation (KDE) to measure local densities. Continuous genetic clines such as those caused by spatial autocorrelation would result in a single cloud of points without discontinuities, whereas distant and divergent populations would be represented by separate high density patches. The KDE plots show that the western clade consists mostly of a single cloud, with a few outliers (samples from the *Larutensis* populations located on a different mountain range). The eastern clade was represented by two distinct patches (Appendix Fig. 13), indicating that the East 1 and East 2 populations are both distant and divergent and are not spatially autocorrelated.

## **2.5 Discussion**

Our results show that commonly-used species delimitation methods were effective at assessing lineage separation in highly divergent lineages where gene flow was absent (East 1 and East 2)



but overestimated the number of species in younger lineages where gene flow was prevalent but populations were markedly structured genetically. “Splitting” of lineages within a metapopulation occurred even when genomic data were used. We attribute this to the violation of the underlying assumptions of the models implemented by these programs: the guide tree is assumed to be correct (Zhang *et al.* 2013); speciation is modeled as an instantaneous event (Nee 2006; Sukumaran & Knowles 2017); and divergence is assumed to occur without gene flow (Yang & Rannala 2010). Using these methods on a system that violated these assumptions led to model misspecification and inaccurate estimation of species boundaries (Camargo *et al.* 2012; Carstens *et al.* 2013; Ence & Carstens 2011; Jackson *et al.* 2016; Sukumaran & Knowles 2017). On the other hand, we showed that a population genomics approach can be an effective tool at delimiting species boundaries both when gene flow is absent and when it is present at varying levels. By considering lineage independence as the only necessary property of a species, we can shift our focus away from traditional criteria (phenotypic distinctness, monophyly, genetic divergence, etc.) and re-cast the species delimitation framework as one that strictly focuses on assessing lineage cohesion/separation. Using this approach, we demonstrate that Peninsular Malaysian *Amolops* are comprised of at least three species, the true *A. larutensis* (i.e. the western clade) and two unnamed lineages from the eastern clade (East 1 and East 2).

### **2.5.1 Support for lineage separation**

All analyses unanimously supported at least three separately evolving lineages. The western and eastern lineages were separated by very large uncorrected mitochondrial distances and  $F_{st}$  values. The differentiation between these two lineages was also supported by the majority of AMOVA variance being explained by these lineages as opposed to populations within these lineages.

Furthermore, the D-statistic test showed no evidence of introgression between the western and eastern lineages (with the exception of a single hybrid sample discussed below). Similar results were obtained when comparing the populations East 1 and East 2 within the eastern lineage, thereby supporting the divergence and isolation of these two species.

Despite the presence of a single hybrid sample, our analyses indicated that all other samples from the eastern/western contact zone (n=21) consisted of either eastern or western genotypes with no genetic intermediates. We view this as evidence of strong reproductive isolation and hypothesize that hybridization events between these separately evolving lineages are rare and produce hybrids of low fitness that do not subsequently reproduce successfully. However, denser sampling will be required to better understand the extent and viability of hybrids at this contact zone.

These multiple lines of congruent evidence from different sources of data provides strong support for the recognition of at least three distinct species of *Amolops* in Peninsular Malaysia: the true *A. larutensis*, consisting of populations from the western lineage; and two undescribed species represented by the lineages East 1 and East 2.

### **2.5.2 Support for population cohesion**

Within the highly structured western clade, the relatively high mitochondrial distances were consistent with inter-specific distances among other amphibian species (Fouquet *et al.* 2007; Vences *et al.* 2005a; b) and were identified as separate species based on traditional species delimitation methods. However, we reject this hypothesis based on results from population genomic analyses (sNMF,  $F_{st}$ , AMOVA, H-index, fastsimcoal2, D-statistic, Mantel test) that detected different levels of gene flow among these populations (discussed in further detail

below). Disturbingly, the populations that had the highest mitochondrial divergences (West 1, West 2, West 3 and West 4) were also the populations that were most undifferentiated and showed the highest levels of gene flow based on genomic data, potentially as a result of sex-biased gene flow. Genetic variation within the western clade is more reflective of intra-specific population structure than divergence associated with speciation events. As such, we consider the entire western lineage to be a single, cohesive metapopulation lineage represented by the taxon name *Amolops larutensis*.

Within the eastern clade, the D-statistic showed low levels of gene flow between the subpopulations East 1.1 and East 1.2 but not between East 1.2 and East 2. We attribute the low levels of gene flow and migration between the subpopulations East 1.1 and East 1.2 to the lack of samples from the region spanning those populations. We hypothesize that as samples from that area become available, populations from the entire northeastern mountain range will form a cohesive metapopulation lineage (East 1), separate from the southeastern population East 2 due to the lack of contiguous habitat between East 1 and East 2.

### **2.5.3 Biogeography and the speciation continuum**

The different levels of genetic differentiation within Peninsular Malaysian *Amolops* illustrates the complex nature of speciation, ranging from the presence of continuous variation within a group without reproductive isolation, to complete and irreversible reproductive isolation between groups (Hendry *et al.* 2009). Deep divergence coupled with strong reproductive isolation could be caused by divergent selection (McKinnon *et al.* 2004; Rundle & Nosil 2005; Schluter 2009) or allopatric speciation (Coyne & Orr 2004; Wiley 1978). In this study, ecological conservatism

in *Amolops* and the discontinuous genetic variation between western and eastern lineages are more indicative of the latter as opposed to the former. Additionally,

At the other end of the divergence spectrum, populations from the western lineage were highly structured and showed varying levels of historical and contemporary migration consistent with a complex history involving gene flow between recently diverging lineages. Because speciation with gene flow can occur in nature (Niemiller *et al.* 2008; Nosil 2008; Zarza *et al.* 2016), we applied a migration threshold for genetic isolation of 1 individual per 10 generations as a cut-off to determine the level of gene flow below which we consider populations to be separately evolving lineages (Rannala 2015; Zhang *et al.* 2011). Using this threshold, gene flow among populations of the western clade has not been sufficiently reduced to be considered genetically isolated enough to represent distinct species. However, it is worth noting that gene flow between *Larutensis* on the northwestern mountain range and the geographically proximate W1 and W2 populations on the central range were the most reduced ( $N_m = 0.3$ ). We interpret this as an indication of incipient speciation triggered by recent and rapid human development and the disruption of habitat corridors along the Bintang-Kledang range, a small mountain range situated between the northwestern and central mountain ranges (Jamaluddin *et al.* 2011; Khoo & Lubis 2005). Given sufficient time, *Larutensis*'s lower long-term migration rates could lead this population to qualify as a species separate from the other western populations. However at this point, the data does not support this split and we therefore consider these populations as belonging to a single species.

#### 2.5.4 Effects of genomic filtering parameters

Filtering parameters for SNP assembly can have a significant impact on downstream analyses and inferences. The correlation between including sites with more missing taxa and better bipartition support is consistent with previous simulation (Huang & Knowles 2016) and empirical studies (Eaton & Ree 2013; Wagner *et al.* 2013). Conversely, allowing large amounts of missing data can also result in high bootstrap support for incorrect clades (Leaché *et al.* 2015). Since a consensus has yet to be reached on the best ways to process large datasets, our preference for the dataset with lower minimum read depth and higher allowance for missing data should be interpreted with caution, especially as our preferred phylogeny might not actually represent the true species tree. However, our use of population genomic methods to delimit the number of Peninsular Malaysian *Amolops* species means our conclusions are relatively robust to errors in reconstructing the true topology of lineages included in this study.

In a separate study on the trade-off between coverage depth and the number of individuals in a sample, Buerkle & Gompert (2013) showed that low coverage sequencing (as low as 1X coverage) is not only sufficient, but also could be optimal to accurately estimate population parameters, as this allows the inclusion of greater numbers of individuals or sites in the genome. Lower coverage was also optimal for phylogenetic estimation in our datasets, as our higher minimum depth datasets had low branch support, and failed to recover some monophyletic groups. However, these recommendations are dependent on the overall level of sequencing depth in our project: our study supports previous research in that general rules of thumb for SNP filtering are unlikely but instead may depend on the properties of the dataset and species biology, which should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis (Huang & Knowles 2014; Leaché *et al.* 2015).

## 2.6 Conclusions

This study does not discount the utility of traditional species delimitation methods but instead highlights the importance of choosing the right tool for the right task. Using methods that do not account for gene flow to delimit cryptic species boundaries where gene flow occurs will inherently yield erroneous results. We therefore caution against using these methods to delimit recent and rapidly diverging populations where gene flow may be prevalent. For such cases, we demonstrate that a population genomics approach can be used to objectively assess lineage separation in line with the general lineage concept of species.

Our findings are especially significant for systematic research in regions where new species are being described at a high rate. Malaysia stands as a particularly relevant test case (i.e., a potential future study system for evaluating the performance of species delimitation procedures) in that numerous newly-described species, co-distributed throughout the range of localities studied here, have been split into multiple, formally named species using traditional species delimitation methods. This study does not invalidate those descriptions but provides evidence that gene flow is present among co-occurring populations in one taxonomic group (*Amolops*). Our findings suggest that other co-distributed and taxonomically diverse taxa could provide compelling examples for future genomic species delimitation studies.

## 2.7 Tables

**Table 2.1** Summaries of the four different SNP datasets generated using different values for minimum read depth coverage and percentage of missing data. PIS = Parsimony Informative sites. Min. # and Max. # loci give the minimum and maximum number of loci observed within an individual for each dataset.

<b>Min. Depth</b>	<b>% missing</b>	<b>Total variable sites</b>	<b>Total PIS</b>	<b>Min. # loci</b>	<b>Max. # loci</b>	<b>Unlinked SNPs</b>
5	50	94,313	70,833	1,761	17,831	17,123
5	30	53,208	43,191	1,572	7,572	7,544
10	50	65,541	49,821	112	12,478	11,951
10	30	32,253	26,122	97	4,826	4,744

**Table 2.2** Results of the BFD\* analysis based on nine species delimitation models ranging from 2–5 species within the western clade. Models were split or lumped according to plausible biogeographic scenarios and phylogenetic topologies. Competing models were compared and ranked using log marginal likelihood estimates (MLE) and Bayes factors (BF) following the equation:  $BF = 2 \times (MLE \text{ of model 1} - MLE \text{ of model 2})$ , where model 1 was the model with five species. A positive BF value indicates support for model 1 over model 2 and vice versa. Model abbreviations are L=Larutensis, W=West.

# Species	Model	MLE	BF	Rank
5	(L) (W1) (W2) (W3) (W4)	-99906.30527	-	1
4	(L) (W1) (W2) (W3 + W4)	-103884.8744	3978.57	2
4	(L + W1) (W2) (W3) (W4)	-107029.7769	7123.47	3
3	(L) (W1) (W2 + W3 + W4)	-107736.139	7829.83	4
3	(L) (W1 + W2) (W3+W4)	-108921.1603	9014.86	5
3	(L + W1) (W2) (W3 + W4)	-111397.7147	11491.41	6
2	(L) (W1 + W2 + W3 + W4)	-113053.1408	13146.84	7
2	(L + W1) (W2 + W3 + W4)	-115914.2886	16007.98	8
2	(L + W1 + W2) (W3 + W4)	-116802.3151	16896.01	9



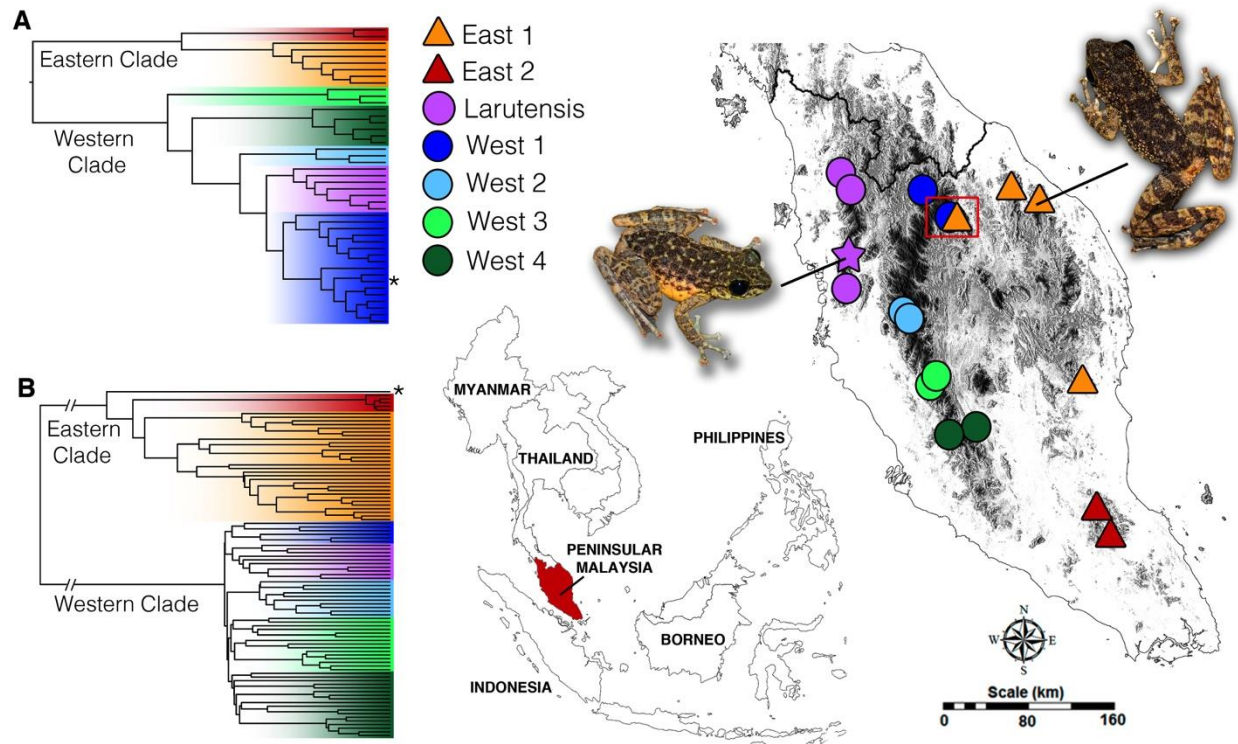
**Table 2.3** Pairwise comparisons of demographic parameters within and between eastern and western populations. Examined parameters include genetic distance ( $F_{st}$  and Jost's  $D$ ), migration rates ( $N_m$ ) and D-statistic scores represented by the range of Z-scores followed by the number of significant location comparisons assessed using a  $P$ -value at  $\alpha = 0.01$  after the Holm-Bonferroni correction. NT= not tested.

Populations		Genetic distances		Migration rates	D-statistic
Pop 1	Pop 2	Fst	D	(Nm)	Z-range (nSig.)
<b>Within West</b>					
Larutensis	West 1	0.0860	0.0030	0.5814	NT
Larutensis	West 2	0.0670	0.0020	0.3331	0.0 - 3.0 (0/63)
					2.8 - 7.3
West 1	West 2	0.0630	0.0020	5.4939	(63/63)
					0.9 - 5.6
West 2	West 3	0.0290	0.0010	1.0291	(28/63)
West 3	West 4	0.0340	0.0010	5.7762	NT
	<b>Mean</b>	<b>0.0530</b>	<b>0.0017</b>		
<b>Within East</b>					
	East				
East 1	1.2	0.5700	0.0150	NT	0.8 - 5.3 (8/23)
East 1.2	East 2	0.8880	0.1380	NT	0.4 - 3.4 (0/47)
	<b>Mean</b>	<b>0.7290</b>	<b>0.0765</b>		
<b>Between West/East</b>					
					0.0 - 4.0
East 1	West 1	0.8970	0.1260	NT	(0/191)
East 1	West 2	0.9140	0.1350	NT	0.0 - 1.9 (0/63)
East 1.2	West 3	0.8820	0.1380	NT	0.0 - 2.7 (0/71)
East 1.2	West 4	0.8890	0.1380	NT	0.0 - 2.7 (0/71)
East 3	West 4	0.9320	0.2210	NT	0.0 - 1.6 (0/63)
	<b>Mean</b>	<b>0.9028</b>	<b>0.1516</b>		

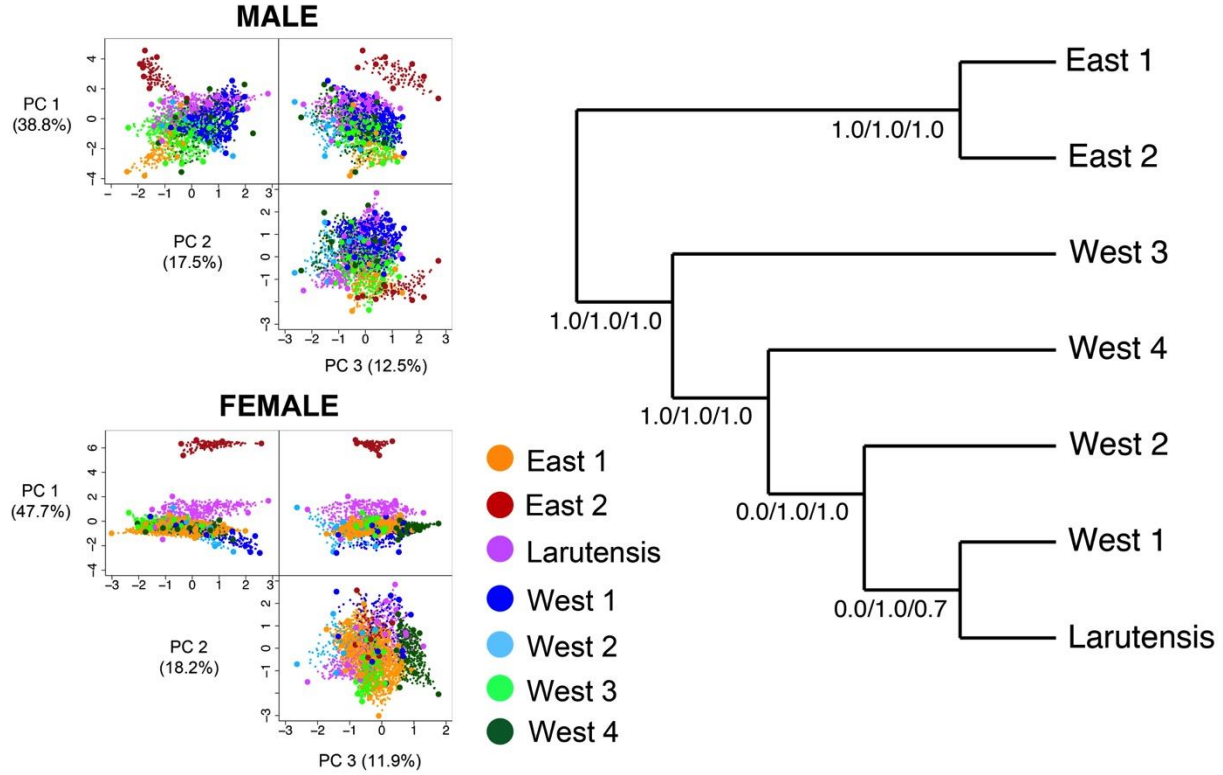
**Table 2.4** AMOVA results showing the proportion of variation and  $F_{st}$  analogues calculated for different hierarchical levels of population structure under the infinite allele model. P-values were assessed using 1,000 permutations.

Source of Variation	Nested in	%var	F-stat	F-value	Std.Dev.	P-value	F'-value
<b>Within West</b>							
Within Individual	--	<b>0.744</b>	$F_{it}$	0.256	0.011	--	--
Among Individual	Population	0.12	$F_{is}$	0.139	0.008	0.001	--
Among Population	--	0.136	$F_{st}$	0.136	0.009	0.001	0.138
<b>Within East</b>							
Within Individual	--	0.203	$F_{it}$	0.797	0.007	--	--
Among Individual	Population	0.15	$F_{is}$	0.425	0.012	0.001	--
Among Population	--	<b>0.647</b>	$F_{st}$	0.647	0.01	0.001	0.655
<b>Between West/East</b>							
Within Individual	--	0.262	$F_{it}$	0.738	0.005	--	--
Among Individual	Population	0.114	$F_{is}$	0.303	0.004	0.001	--
Among Population	East/West	0.091	$F_{sc}$	0.195	0.005	0.001	0.2

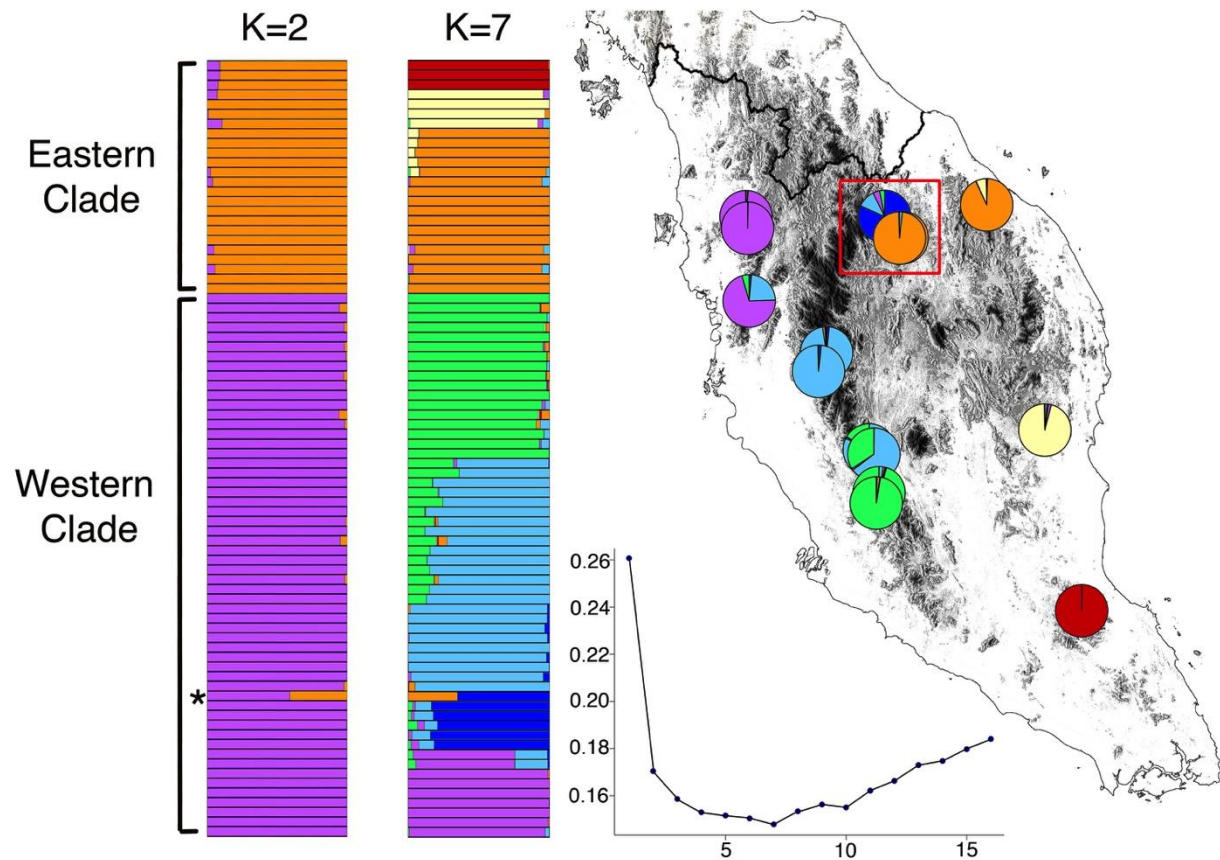
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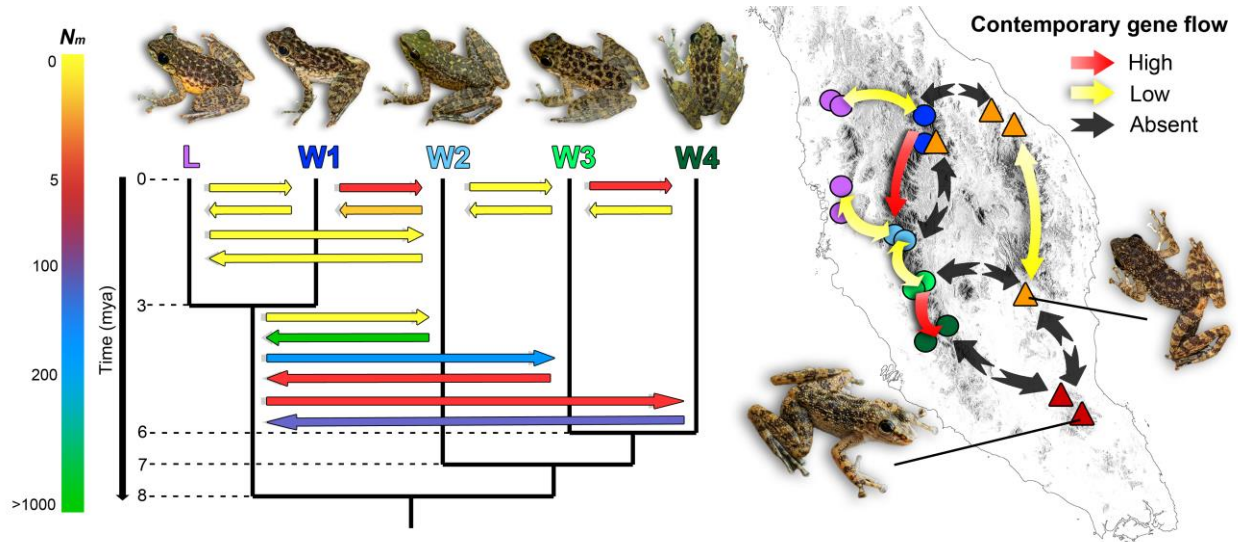
**Figure 2.1** Ultrametric maximum likelihood phylogenies inferred from **A**) 1,466 bp of the 16S rRNA-encoding mitochondrial gene. All major nodes were highly supported with >90% bootstrap; **B**. 17,123 unlinked SNP loci filtered at a minimum depth of 5 and allowing for 50% missing data. All major nodes were highly supported with >90% bootstrap. The asterisk (\*) denotes the putative hybrid sample that was placed in the western clade in the mtDNA phylogeny and the eastern clade in the SNP phylogeny. The distribution map (right) shows sampling localities and examples of phenotypic differences between populations from the western (circles) and eastern (triangles) clades. The star represents the type locality of *Amolops larutensis* and the red box indicates the location of the putative contact zone between the eastern and western clades. **Inset:** location of Peninsular Malaysia within Southeast Asia.



**Figure 2.2 Left:** Principal components scores of morphological variables visualized as three-dimensional hypervolumes constructed using multidimensional kernel density estimation. Geometry of hypervolumes are based on minimum convex polytopes and axes show the first three principal components and their proportion of variance. **Right:** Results of the mPTP and iBPP species delimitation analyses depicted on an mtDNA cladogram. Values at internal nodes denote the average support value for the mPTP analysis followed by posterior probabilities from the iBPP analysis for males and females, respectively.



**Figure 2.3** Estimated population structure as inferred by the sNMF analysis. Each individual is partitioned into  $K$  colored segments that represent the proportions of an individual's genome that originate from one or multiple inferred genetic clusters colored consistently with the other figures (note the light yellow cluster was not detected using morphological PCA). Asterisk (\*) indicates the putative hybrid sample at the inferred contact zone between eastern and western clades (red box). The inset graph plots cross-entropy values (y-axis) versus number of ancestral populations (x-axis).  $K=2$  splits individuals into eastern and western genotypes. Population structure for  $K=7$  (the number of clusters with the lowest cross-entropy value) is plotted on the map using the average ancestry coefficient values for each estimated population.



**Figure 2.4 Left:** A phylogram depicting contemporary and historical migration rates ( $N_m$ ) for populations from the western clade estimated using fastsimcoal2 under a full asymmetrical migration model. **Right:** Contemporary gene flow scenarios based on plausible phylogenetic relationships, population structure, and geography. High gene flow:  $N_m > 1$  and all sample location comparisons significant for D-statistic; low gene flow:  $0.1 < N_m < 1$  and some comparisons significant for D-statistic; no gene flow:  $N_m < 0.1$  or no significant comparisons for D-statistic.

# CHAPTER 3

## Drivers of genetic differentiation and modes of speciation in Peninsular Malaysian *Amolops*

### 3.1 Introduction

Genetic variation is the building block on which evolution acts on and plays an important role in the survival and adaptability of a species. An important evolutionary process that underlies genetic variation among populations is gene flow. Barriers to gene flow can be influenced by intrinsic factors such as reproductive compatibility (Seehausen *et al.* 2014), extrinsic factors such as physical barriers (Edwards *et al.* 2012; Geissler *et al.* 2015), or a combination of both whereby local adaptation to different environments affects reproductive compatibility (Glor & Warren 2011; Nosil 2012; Savolainen *et al.* 2013). Understanding the factors that affect gene flow among populations can therefore provide valuable insights into how biodiversity is generated and maintained and can be important to answer many biological questions related to speciation (Chan *et al.* 2017; Jackson *et al.* 2017), adaptation (Nadeau *et al.* 2016), hybridization (Payseur & Rieseberg 2016), or conservation (Castillo *et al.* 2014; Cushman *et al.* 2006).

The field of landscape genetics focuses on the influence of landscape characteristics on gene flow and consequently, genetic differentiation (Manel *et al.* 2003; Sork *et al.* 1999; Storfer *et al.* 2007). Populations can diverge through selection or local adaptation to different environments, a process generally referred to as isolation-by-environment, IBE (Wang &

Bradburd 2014; Wang & Summers 2010). Isolation-by-environment can be caused by abiotic factors such as climatic variables (Leamy *et al.* 2016), or biotic factors such as vegetation density and host (Via & Hawthorne 2002). However, genetic differentiation can also be generated by neutral processes that are influenced by landscape features and configurations. Spatial arrangements of populations can affect gene flow due to limited dispersal where individuals that are geographically close to each other tend to be more genetically similar than individuals that are far apart, a phenomenon known as isolation-by-distance, IBD (Wright 1943). Isolation-by-resistance, IBR (Mcrae 2006) on the other hand, produces genetic differentiation as a result of landscape features such as habitat corridors, road networks, mountains and rivers that form physical barriers or resistances to migration (Cushman *et al.* 2014; Cushman & Landguth 2012; Ozerov *et al.* 2012; Spear *et al.* 2010). Additionally, historical events such as vicariance or founder events/colonization (isolation-by-colonization, IBC) can also generate genetic structure that persists through time and are unaffected by landscape/environmental characteristics (Dewoody *et al.* 2015; Lanier *et al.* 2015; Nadeau *et al.* 2016; Nason *et al.* 2002; Orsini *et al.* 2013b). Assessing the relative contribution of historical, environment and geographic factors in shaping genetic variation has been a key focus of landscape genetics with a number of studies suggesting that environmental adaptation may an important role in population divergence (Leamy *et al.* 2016; Sexton *et al.* 2014).

Disentangling adaptive (IBE) from neutral processes (IBD, IBC) can be challenging (Wang & Bradburd 2014). For example, patterns of genetic differentiation generated by IBD can be similar to that of IBE when geography is correlated with environmental variation (Meirmans 2012). Distinguishing patterns generated by founder events (IBC) from IBD and IBE can also be complicated because they can be determined by several processes. Local adaptation can reinforce



founder events resulting in patterns similar to IBE (De Meester *et al.* 2002), and colonization can produce allele frequency gradients similar to IBD or IBE because colonization routes often covary with environmental gradients (Nadeau *et al.* 2016; Orsini *et al.* 2013a). Because selective environmental gradients, geography and colonization routes are often spatially correlated, decoupling the relative effects of adaptive from neutral processes can be complicated. However, separating the factors that contribute to genetic differentiation is not only important for land management (Cushman *et al.* 2014; Ruiz-Lopez *et al.* 2016) but is also crucial for assessing population responses to environmental change and pressures (Castillo *et al.* 2014; Reusch & Wood 2007).

Mantel tests are one of the most widely-used approaches to assess spatial processes that drive population structure, particularly to detect IBD and to partial out the relative contributions of IBD and IBE (Meirmans 2012). However, numerous studies have shown that Mantel tests do not provide an accurate decomposition of the genetic variation and therefore is unable to detect spatial structures or control for spatial autocorrelation in the relationship between genetic variation (Diniz-Filho *et al.* 2013; Guillot & Rousset 2013; Legendre *et al.* 2015; Meirmans 2012). As an alternative, ordination techniques such as redundancy analysis (RDA) have been shown to be an improvement over the Mantel test because they do not require distance-based metrics and can overcome underlying assumptions of the Mantel test (e.g. linear relationships between variables). Additionally, distance-based RDA (dbRDA) can utilize transformations such as principal coordinates analysis (PCoA) to linearize genetic variables, thus removing any potential violations of linearity observed in Mantel tests (Guillot & Rousset 2013; Kierepka & Latch 2015). Furthermore, RDA is able to provide ANOVA-like statistics such as variance around F-ratios and variance explained by each dependent variable, which allows for more

robust interpretation of results compared to Mantel tests that only provide a correlation coefficient and P-value (Kierepka & Latch 2015; Legendre *et al.* 2015). Given these advantages, constrained ordination methods such as dbRDAs represent improved alternatives to the Mantel tests.

Peninsular Malaysia is one of the most biodiverse yet highly threatened regions in Southeast Asia (Myers *et al.* 2000). Conversion and fragmentation of large tracts of rainforests for timber, infrastructure and agricultural development are main contributors to the loss of biodiversity in this region (Sodhi *et al.* 2004; Wilcove *et al.* 2013). Despite this imminent crisis, no studies have ever been performed on any vertebrate group to investigate the processes involved in shaping genetic diversity across the highly heterogeneous landscape in Peninsular Malaysia. Recent phylogenetic studies have shown that numerous species of amphibians and reptiles are endemic to specific mountain ranges (Chan *et al.* 2014c; Grismer *et al.* 2012, 2013, 2015; Sumarli *et al.* 2016; Wood *et al.* 2009), indicating that landscape characteristics could play an important role in shaping genetic diversity. This study utilizes restriction site-associated DNA sequencing (RADSeq) data generated by Chan *et al.* (2017) to investigate the factors that shape the genetic diversity of Malaysian Torrent Frogs (genus *Amolops*). The specific objectives of this study are: (i) test the proposed scenario that spatial configuration of mountain ranges plays an important role in genetic diversification; (ii) identify the relative contributions of other factors that may shape genetic diversity including geographic distance (IBD), river basins, forest cover, habitat suitability (IBE) and historical vicariance/founder events (IBC). This represents the first landscape genomic study in any Peninsular Malaysian vertebrate and is therefore a crucial step towards understanding the role of adaptive and neutral processes in generating biodiversity in Malaysia.

## 3.2 Methods

### 3.2.1 Spatial gene flow and demographic history

The genetic dataset consisted of 95 individuals of *Amolops* genotyped at 17,123 unlinked SNP loci sampled from 20 unique locations across Peninsular Malaysia (see Chan *et al.* 2017 for a complete description of molecular techniques). Individual samples were assigned to eight geographic/genetic populations following results from Chan *et al.* (2017) corresponding to the populations Larutensis, W1, W2, W3, W4, E1, E1.2, E2 (Fig 3.1A). A comprehensive assessment of temporal gene flow among populations was provided by Chan *et al.* (2017). However, in order to investigate the effects of landscape features on genetic variation, gene flow has to be evaluated within a spatial context. Effective migration was used to model the relationship between genetics and geography and visualized using an estimated effective migration surface, EEMS (Petkova *et al.* 2016). This approach uses a population genetic model to relate effective migration rates to expected genetic dissimilarities where effective migration is low in regions where genetic similarity decays quickly. To capture population structure, the study area was covered with a dense regular grid composed of triangular demes. Under a stepping-stone model, each deme exchanges migrants with only its neighbors and expected genetic dissimilarities depend on sample locations and migration rates. The expected genetic dissimilarities between two individuals is computed by integrating over all possible migration histories in their genetic ancestry which is approximated using resistance distance that integrates all possible migration routes between two demes. The estimation procedure adjusts the migration rates for all edges so that genetic differences expected under the model closely matches the genetic differences observed in the data. The estimates are then interpolated across the habitat

area to produce an estimated effective migration surface that provides a visual summary of the observed genetic dissimilarities and how they relate to geographic location (Petkova *et al.* 2016).

The genetic dissimilarity matrix was computed using the mean allele frequency imputation method implemented in the R script ‘str2diffs’ available from the EEMS Github repository (Petkova 2017). We used two different grid densities (200 and 300 demes) to assess the effect of grid resolution on the interpolation of effective migration rates across a continuous landscape. Four independent MCMC chains (500,000 generations/chain) were initiated from different randomly initialized parameter state. Chains were combined and assessed for convergence by plotting the trace of log posterior probabilities against MCMC iterations after a 100,000 generation burn-in period.

Demographic history was estimated using a stairway plot approach which infers changes in population size over time using SNP frequency spectra, SFS (Liu & Fu 2015). To reduce the effects of missing data, the SNP dataset was further filtered to include only loci that contained no more than 10% missing data. A folded SFS was then generated using *δaδi* v1.7.0 (Gutenkunst *et al.* 2009) for input into the stairway plot analysis. The total number of observed nucleic sites (including polymorphic and monomorphic) was calculated from raw pyRAD outputs and set at 10,000,000. Mutation rate was set at  $1.9 \times 10^{-8}$  (Chan *et al.* 2017) with an assumed generation time of 4 years. We used 67% percent of sites for training with four random break points for each try (18, 36, 54, 70) and stairway plot estimations were generated using 200 bootstrap SFs.

To estimate lineage specific changes in contemporary and ancestral population sizes, we implemented a Generalized Phylogenetic Coalescent Sampler (G-PhoCS) approach (Gronau *et al.* 2011) using as input, 17,995 SNP loci filtered at a minimum depth of 5 and 50% missing data (Chan *et al.* 2017). Demographic parameters were estimated for the three major lineages (west,

(east, south)) and priors for all population size ( $\theta$ ) and divergence time ( $\tau$ ) parameters used a gamma distribution with  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\beta = 10,000$  and priors for all migration ( $m$ ) parameters used a gamma distribution with  $\alpha = 0.002$  and  $\beta = 0.00001$  following recommendations from Gronau *et al.* (2011). Because gene flow was already estimated in the previous chapter and are not the focus of this study, only two migration bands were assessed: east to south and east to west. A constant rate was used to model rate variation across loci and sampling was performed using a total of 300,000 MCMC iterations with the first 100,000 discarded as burn-in. The automatic fine-tune procedure was invoked and fine-tune settings were dynamically searched using the first 10,000 samples, with fine-tunes being updated every 100 samples. MCMC sampling output was assessed for convergence using the program Tracer (Rambaut *et al.* 2014).

### **3.2.2 Isolation by distance, environment, colonization**

Genetic distances were represented by pairwise population  $F_{st}$  values that were calculated using GENODIVE v2.0b27 (Meirmans & Van Tienderen 2004). Due to the high divergence between western and eastern lineages, missing data were imputed using population allele frequencies prior to  $F_{st}$  calculations. Geographic distances were transformed into spatial eigenfunctions in the form of distance-based Moran's eigenvector maps (dbMEM) for use as an independent spatial variable in subsequent ordination analyses (Legendre 2013; Legendre *et al.* 2015). The dbMEM analyses was performed in the R package *adespatial* using the function *dbmem*. This function first calculates a Euclidean distance matrix among all populations. The threshold value *thresh* for the truncation of the geographic distance matrix was set as the length of the longest edge of the minimum spanning tree. All distances that were larger than the truncation threshold were modified to  $4*thresh$ . A PCoA was then performed on the modified matrix and eigenfunctions

that model positive spatial correlation (Moran's  $I$  larger than expected value of  $I$ ) of the dbMEMs are retained as spatial variables. A forward selection procedure was then performed to reduce the number of dbMEMs (Blanchet *et al.* 2008).

Environmental variables were generated using categorical (mountains and rivers; Fig. 3.1A, B) and continuous raster data (forest cover and habitat suitability; Fig. 3.1C, D). To test the Mountain Range Hypothesis, populations from the same mountain ranges were assumed to exchange genes freely and were coded with a low resistance value of 1. Populations from different but adjacent mountain ranges were given a value of 10 and populations from non-adjacent mountain ranges (e.g. between western and eastern ranges) were given a value of 100. Because Torrent Frogs are strictly associated with streams, an independent landscape variable based on river basin configurations was also constructed. River basins were calculated from a 90 m SRTM digital elevation model using the QGIS GRASS plugin *r.watershed* (QGIS Development Team 2017) with a minimum size of exterior watershed basin set at 10,000. Similarly, populations that occurred within the same major river basin were given a low resistance value of 1 and populations that occurred in separate basins were given a resistance value of 10 (Fig. 3.1B).

For continuous landscape variables, raster data for forest cover was derived from a 2015 land cover map of Southeast Asia at 250 m spatial resolution (Miettinen *et al.* 2016) obtained from the Centre of Remote Imaging, Sensing and Processing (CRISP) at the National University of Singapore (Fig. 3.1C). Habitat suitability was represented by an ecological niche model generated using 19 WorldClim (version 2) bioclimatic variables at a resolution of 30 seconds (Fick & Hijmans 2017). To reduce the dimensionality and correlation within the dataset, variables were subjected to a principal components analysis using the R function *iPCARaster*

from the package ‘ENMGadgets’ (Barve & Barve 2014). The first three principal components that accounted for 99% of the total variance were retained and used to generate niche models in the program Maxent (Phillips *et al.* 2006). The final niche model was constructed using the median values of 10 independent Maxent runs (Fig. 3.1D). All categorical and continuous landscape variables were subsequently transformed into resistance matrices using CIRCUITSCAPE 4.0 (McRae & Shah 2009). To test for IBC, an east-west ancestry variable that corresponded to the major diverging split of the eastern and western lineages was used. This variable was represented by the Q-values from the sNMF population structure analysis at K=2 (Chan *et al.* 2017).

### 3.2.3 Statistical analyses

A dbRDA analysis was implemented to assess the significance and relative contribution of IBD, IBE and IBC to genetic variation. Because dbRDA requires independent variables to be site-specific, the pairwise resistance matrices from CIRCUITSCAPE were summarized by population using a negative exponential distribution kernel that represents a connectivity index based on the Incidence Function model:

$$S_i = \sum \exp(-\alpha d_{ij})$$

$S_i$  is the connectivity index for the cell  $i$ ,  $\alpha$  is a scalar correlated with average dispersal distance of the species, and  $d$  is the resistance value between sites  $i$  and  $j$  (Kierepka *et al.* 2016; Moilanen & Nieminen 2002). Because no information is available on the average dispersal distance of *Amolops*,  $\alpha$  was set at 1. This value is considered reasonable given the similarity in ecology/behavior of *Amolops* that does not suggest different average dispersal distances among

populations. All independent variable matrices were scaled to a mean of zero and a variance of one prior to dbRDA analyses. The dependent variable (genetic distance) was left untransformed because the dbRDA analysis transforms this variable using PcoA and extracts all PcoA vectors that have positive eigenvalues. To inspect the potential correlation between independent variables, a correlation analysis was also performed. For brevity, the independent variables will be referred to as Distance (dbMEMs of geographic distance), Ancestry (east-west Q-matrix), and Mountains, Rivers, Forest and Habitat for the resistance matrices representing mountain ranges, river basins, forest cover and habitat suitability respectively.

The dbRDA analysis was first performed on the entire dataset that included both the western and eastern lineages. A potential problem of analyzing the entire dataset that includes a high range of genetic divergences could arise from a strong signal (e.g. diversification of the western and eastern lineages) potentially masking out weaker signals that could be acting independently on populations within the western and eastern lineages. Additionally, assessing the contribution of specific variables responsible for within or between lineage diversification would be problematic due to non-identifiability issues in a hierarchical dataset. To circumvent these problems, the dbRDA analysis was also performed on separate datasets filtered to eastern and western populations.

The dbRDA analyses were first performed separately on each independent variable using the R function *capscale* in the package ‘vegan’ (Oksanen *et al.* 2017). To partial out the effects of spatial autocorrelation, a partial ordination analysis was then performed by conditioning each variable on geographic distance. Statistical significance of models was assessed using 999 permutations. In addition to the  $R^2$  statistic, an adjusted  $R^2$  ( $R^2_{adj}$ ) was also calculated to adjust for multiple predictors in the model. The best overall model was assessed using a forward and



backward selection procedure (Blanchet *et al.* 2008) to select the most significant variables that explained the observed genetic variation. To avoid including correlated variables in the model, a statistic called the variance inflation factor (VIF) was calculated where a value of 1 represents completely independent variables, and values above 10 or 20 are regarded as highly multicollinear (Oksanen 2012). Finally, variance partitioning (Borcard *et al.* 1992) was performed using the R function *varpart* to provide a neutral decomposition of variation into unique and shared components using environmental, spatial and ancestral components as sources of genetic variation.

### **3.3 Results**

#### **3.3.1 EEMS and demographic history**

For the EEMS analysis, combined MCMC chains ran using 200 and 300 demes converged (Appendix Fig. 14). Plots of observed versus fitted dissimilarities between and within demes showed a strong linear relationship (Fig. 3.2, 3.3), indicating that the EEMS model fitted the data well. As expected, the analysis using 300 demes showed better resolution and detected finer-scale differences in migration and diversity estimates and therefore will be retained for subsequent discussions. The estimated effective migration surface derived from posterior mean migration rates ( $m$ ) showed that effective migration rates were higher than the overall average (highlighted in blue) among populations within the western and eastern lineages. Conversely, effective migration rates were lower than the overall average (highlighted in orange) in areas separating eastern from western populations and also separated the southern population from both eastern and western populations (Fig. 3.4A). Areas where effective migration rates are significantly higher or lower than the overall average can be visualized by highlighting areas

where the posterior probability  $\Pr\{m > 0\}$  or  $\Pr\{m < 0\}$  exceeds 90% and can be interpreted as areas representing corridors and barriers to gene flow (Fig. 3.4B). Diversity estimates were congruent with migration rate estimates where corridor areas along the northwestern mountain range showed low diversity estimates (orange). Areas along the eastern and southern mountain ranges showed higher diversity estimates (blue) (Fig. 3.4C).

The stairway plot analysis that was performed on the entire dataset (east + west) revealed two bottleneck events that severely reduced the overall effective population size of *Amolops*. Effective populations size increased after the first bottleneck event before being reduced again as a result of a second bottleneck event. Effective population size increased rapidly following the second bottleneck event to an even larger size (Fig. 3.5). A separate analysis was conducted on populations of the western lineage only but no significant changes in effective population size were detected (Fig. 3.5).

Bottleneck events were also detected using the G-PhoCS analysis. The ancestor of the eastern and western lineage had a large population size ( $\theta_{\text{root}} = 120$ ) that was drastically reduced when the western lineage diverged ( $\theta_{\text{west}} = 44$ ). Similarly, the ancestral population size of the eastern lineage ( $\theta_{\text{ES}} = 107$ ) was severely reduced when East and South populations diverged ( $\theta_{\text{east}} = 17$ ;  $\theta_{\text{South}} = 5$ ). Most parameters converged with high ESS values ( $>500$ ) with the exception of  $\theta_{\text{west}}$  and  $\theta_{\text{east}}$  that had moderate ESS values ( $200 > \text{ESS} > 150$ ; Table 3.1).

### 3.3.2 IBD, IBE, and IBC

Results of the dbRDA analyses are summarized in Table 3.2: Distance and Ancestry were the only variables that showed significant associations with genetic distance ( $p = 0.001$  and  $0.008$  respectively). This was also reflected in high  $R^2_{\text{adj}}$  values ( $R^2_{\text{adj}} = 0.67$  and  $0.55$  respectively).

The significant relationship between Ancestry and genetic distance was still significant after separating out the effect of Distance [ $p(\text{Ancestry} \mid \text{Distance}) = 0.04$ ]. None of the environmental variables showed significant relationships with genetic distance with the exception of Rivers that was marginally significant [ $p(\text{Rivers}) = 0.05$ ]. However, Rivers were insignificant after controlling for Distance [ $p(\text{Rivers} \mid \text{Distance}) = 0.4$ ]. When the dbRDA analysis was performed separately on the western dataset, Distance remained significant ( $p = 0.001$ ) while Ancestry was not ( $p = 0.08$ ). There was no relationship between genetic distance and Ancestry after controlling for Distance [ $p(\text{Ancestry}_{\text{West}} \mid \text{Distance}) = 0.9$ ;  $R^2_{\text{adj}} = -0.04$ ]. For the eastern dataset, Distance and Ancestry were significant ( $p = 0.008$  and  $0.05$  respectively) and Ancestry remained significant after controlling for Distance [ $p(\text{Ancestry}_{\text{East}} \mid \text{Distance}) = 0.02$ ;  $R^2_{\text{adj}} = 0.6$ ]. Both forward and backward selection procedures selected Distance and Ancestry as the only variables that significantly contributed to explaining genetic variation in the dataset, while Habitat contributed the least (Table 3.3).

A Pearson's correlation test (at  $\alpha = 0.01$ ) showed that Rivers and Mountains were significantly positively correlated while Ancestry and Distance were negatively correlated (Fig. 3.6). A further assessment of multicollinearity among independent variables within the RDA model testing framework was performed using the variance inflation factor (VIF). Results showed that Ancestry and Distance were the only variables that were independent ( $\text{VIF} < 10$ ) while the variables Rivers, Mountains, Forest and Habitat were highly collinear ( $\text{VIF} > 20$ ; Table 3.3). Because multicollinearity of independent variables increases estimates of parameter variance that can result in failure to detect significance in the model, collinear variables were combined into a single variable representing "Environment". The dimensionality of the Environment variable was reduced using PCA and the first two PCs that accounted for 91.3% of

the total variance were retained. The dbRDA analysis was then performed on the retained PCs but the results remained insignificant [ $p(\text{Environment}) = 0.15$ ;  $R^2_{\text{adj}} = 0.18$ ] (Table 3.3).

Using RDA's, genetic differentiation was partitioned into three components: (1) Distance (IBD) represented by "Distance"; (2) Environment (IBE) represented by the combined variable "Environment"; (3) Ancestry (IBC) represented by the east-west ancestry variable "Ancestry". A total of 78% of the variation in Peninsular Malaysian *Amolops* can be explained by the three components and their various combinations. Ancestry contributed 23% after constraining by Environment and Distance while Environment and Distance by themselves did not contribute to overall variation. A total of 70.5% of the explained variation was confounded between the effects of Distance, Environment and Ancestry (Fig. 3.7A). When the western and eastern lineages were analyzed separately, Distance and Ancestry explained 79% of the total variation within the western lineage. However, Distance contributed to most of the variation (53%) while Ancestry contributed 0%. A total of 16% was confounded by a shared effect between Distance and Ancestry (Fig 3.7B). Conversely for the eastern lineage, Distance only explained 12% while most of the variation was explained by Ancestry (53%) (Fig 3.7C).

## **3.4 Discussion**

### **3.4.1 Drivers of genetic differentiation**

Results from this study strongly rejects the hypothesis that mountain ranges play a direct role in the genetic differentiation of Malaysian *Amolops*. Instead, the distribution of river basins explained significantly more variation. This was not unexpected given the ecology of *Amolops* that is strictly associated with stream systems. However, Mountains and Rivers were also shown to be highly correlated, most likely due to the fact that the river basin analysis was predicated on

an elevation model. These results show that mountain ranges should not be considered strictly as a physical barrier to gene flow, but instead be viewed as part of an interactive complex of environmental variables that can have confounding effects on genetic variation. This provides insight for future hypotheses testing on other co-distributed taxa that show similar patterns of distribution and genetic diversification.

When western and eastern lineages were jointly analyzed, geographic distance was shown to contribute significantly to the overall genetic variation (Table 3.2). However, when the effects of Environment and Ancestry were controlled for, Distance by itself did not uniquely contribute to genetic variation but produced shared confounding effects with the other variables (Fig 3.7A). Further insights into the confounding effects were gained when western and eastern lineages were analyzed separately: for the western lineage, Distance was the main source of genetic variation (53%) whereas for the eastern lineage, Distance only contributed 12%, indicating that Distance had contrasting effects on genetic variation on separate lineages. The differential effects of Distance could be due to the physiographic differences of the different mountain ranges that these lineages occur on. Populations of the western lineage mainly occur along the contiguous central range that could facilitate a more continuous dispersal gradient compared to the highly fragmented eastern range. However, an alternative explanation could be the bias in sampling density with the western lineage being represented by denser population sampling. Based on the current data, IBD explains most of the genetic variation within the western lineage, has a significantly smaller effect on eastern populations, and produces confounding effects when both lineages are jointly analyzed. This highlights the importance of hierarchical analyses on subsets of data that could potentially yield misleading results when analyzed as a whole.

When environmental variables were analyzed separately, Rivers contributed the most (albeit a weak significant  $p$ -value of 0.05), while Habitat play no role in shaping genetic diversity ( $R^2_{\text{adj}} = -0.12$ ; Table 3.2). When the effects of ancestry and geographic distance were partialled out, none of the environmental variables, either considered separately or combined, contributed to the overall genetic variance (0%), indicating that IBE played no role in shaping the genetic variation in *Amolops*. These results are congruent with the conservative ecology of *Amolops* that shows little to no environmental adaptation across species.

Ancestry was significant component before and after accounting for spatial autocorrelation (Table 3.2) and contributed 23% of the genetic variation when western and eastern lineages were analyzed together (Fig. 3.7A). However when the dataset was analyzed separately, Ancestry was insignificant and did not contribute towards the genetic variation of western populations. Conversely, Ancestry was the main source of variation (53%) for the eastern lineage. Because IBC was detected in the combined western and eastern lineage analyses but not in the western lineage, suggests that IBC was responsible for the initial diversification event that formed the western and eastern lineages and subsequently for the diversification of the southern population from the rest of the eastern populations. This was followed by secondary contact between eastern and western populations at the contact zone (Fig. 3.1A) that could explain the significant negative correlation between Ancestry and Distance (Fig. 3.6). These patterns are consistent with results from the EEMS analysis that detected barriers to gene flow between eastern and western lineages and also between the southern lineage from the rest of the populations (Fig. 3.4).

### 3.4.2 Modes of speciation

Chan *et al.* (2017) showed that populations from the western lineage belonged to the species *Amolops larutensis* and that the eastern and southern lineages represent distinct, undescribed species. In this study, strong signatures of IBC associated with the diversification of eastern, western and southern lineages, coupled with insignificant contributions from IBE and IBD indicate that these major lineages diverged via vicariant allopatric or founder effect/peripatric speciation (Lawson *et al.* 2015; Mayr 1942; Runemark *et al.* 2012; Yeung *et al.* 2011). These modes of speciation can be hard to distinguish from each other as both processes involve an ancestral distribution, which is split into discontinuous populations and subsequently prevented from exchanging genes (Mayr 1963). However, one of the theoretical expectations of a founder event is that effective population size changes through time (Orsini *et al.* 2013b). In a classic scenario, a small number of individuals are isolated from the source population, resulting in a bottleneck which causes increased genetic drift that accelerates the formation of novel allelic combinations (Mayr 1954). The stairway plot analysis detected two bottleneck events consistent with a founder effect scenario (Fig. 3.5). Because a separate analysis of the western lineage showed no decrease in effective population size, the bottleneck events were most likely associated with founder speciation event that first separated the eastern and western lineages, followed by a second founder event that separated the southern lineage. This was corroborated by the G-PhoCS analysis that showed severe reductions in population sizes during the diversification of the western, eastern and southern lineages. Unfortunately, we were unable to associate directly, the timing of the bottleneck events with the timing of lineage diversification as parameter estimates only represent relative values. Absolute estimates of the timing and changes in population size requires reliable prior information on mutation rates and generation times,

both of which are not available. However, the strong signatures of IBC, insignificant contributions of IBD and IBD, and severe reductions in population sizes that were concomitant with major lineage diversification events, strongly suggests that interspecies diversification is a result of founder effect speciation and intraspecies population structure is caused by IBD. The negligible effect of environmental factors indicates that selection and local adaptation play an insignificant role in the evolution of *Amolops* and founder effects can result in high genetic differentiation (and speciation) without being reinforced by local adaptation.



### 3.5 Tables

**Table 3.1.** Summary statistics of the population size parameter ( $\theta$ ) estimated for the contemporary western ( $\theta_{\text{west}}$ ), eastern ( $\theta_{\text{east}}$ ), and southern ( $\theta_{\text{south}}$ ) as well we the ancestor of the east + south populations ( $\theta_{\text{ES}}$ ) and ancestor of the entire clade ( $\theta_{\text{root}}$ ). Parameter estimates are relative values that not scaled to represent effective or consensus population sizes.

	$\theta_{\text{west}}$	$\theta_{\text{east}}$	$\theta_{\text{south}}$	$\theta_{\text{ES}}$	$\theta_{\text{root}}$
Mean	43.7375	16.6117	4.7316	102.6266	122.6828
SE mean	0.0227	0.0456	0.0156	0.0562	0.1299
Std Dev	0.5523	0.5466	0.1926	2.1342	4.2757
Variance	0.305	0.2988	0.0371	4.555	18.282
Median	43.7346	16.6038	4.7261	102.5888	122.7072
Geometric mean	43.734	16.6027	4.7277	102.6045	122.6082
95% HPD	[42.6385, 44.8003]	[15.5494, 17.6498]	[4.357, 5.1135]	[98.534, 106.8886]	[114.2699, 130.9011]
ESS	590.226	151.5438	191.9313	1441.688	1083.9253

**Table 3.2.** Results of the dbRDA and partial dbRDA analyses.

	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup><sub>adj</sub></b>	<b>F</b>	<b>P-value</b>
<b>West + East</b>				
Distance*	0.766	0.666	7.653	0.001
Habitat	0.042	-0.118	0.263	0.815
Mountains	0.183	0.046	1.340	0.206
Rivers	0.382	0.279	3.710	0.050
Forest	0.190	0.055	1.410	0.266
Ancestry	0.614	0.549	9.533	0.008
Habitat   Distance	0.060	-0.036	0.662	0.591
Mountains   Distance	0.044	-0.059	0.462	0.746
Rivers   Distance	0.087	0.001	1.747	0.398
Forest   Distance	0.134	0.067	1.068	0.181
Ancestry   Distance	0.201	0.161	3.184	0.041
Environment <sup>§</sup>	0.417	0.183	1.787	0.152
Environment   Distance	0.119	-0.094	0.596	0.743
<b>West only</b>				
GeoDist	0.766	0.666	7.653	0.001
Ancestry	0.187	0.096	2.066	0.083
Ancestry   Distance	0.012	-0.035	0.333	0.886
<b>East only</b>				
Distance	0.537	0.382	3.473	0.008
Ancestry	0.878	0.838	21.617	0.050
Ancestry   Distance	0.449	0.590	63.664	0.017

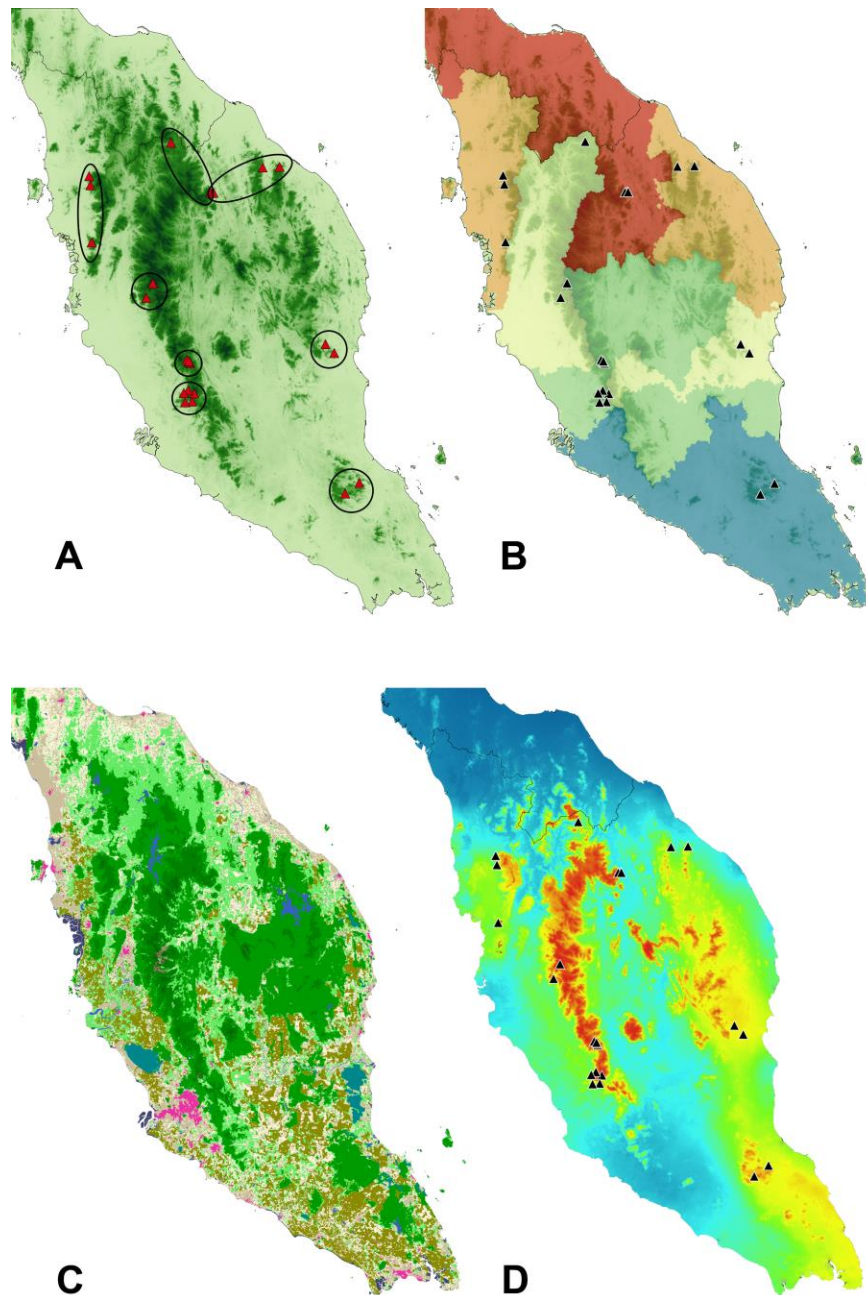
\* The Distance variable is represented by Moran's second eigenvector derived from a distance-based Moran's Eigenvector Map analysis (dbMEM). The second eigenvector was selected based on a forward selection procedure.

<sup>§</sup> Environment is a combination of the variables Rivers, Mountains, Forest and Habitat that were found to be highly collinear. These variables were summarized using the first two principal components that accounted for 91.3% of the total variance.

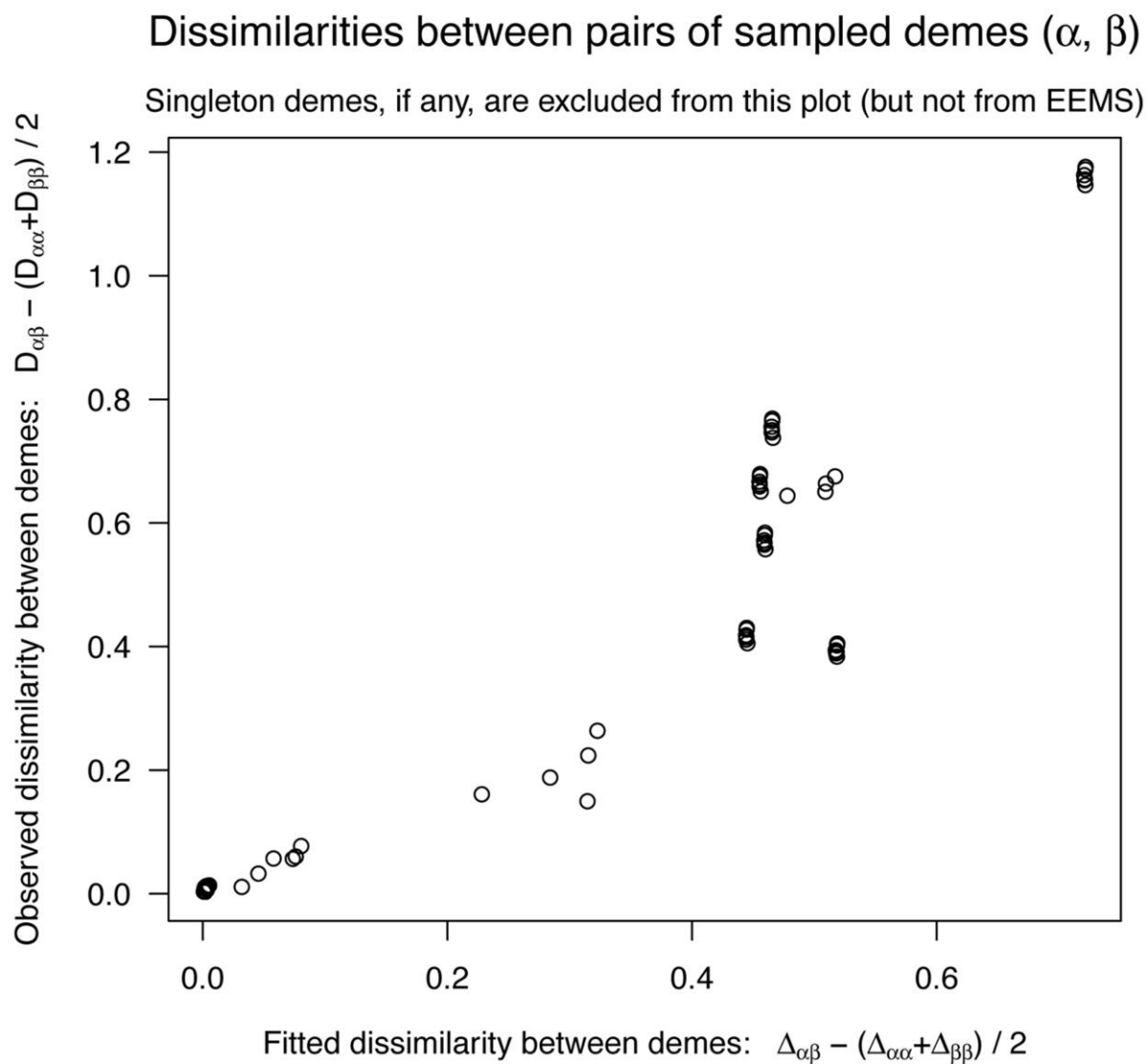
**Table 3.2.** Model selection using forward selection. VIF = variance inflation factor; AIC = Akaike information criterion..

	<b>VIF</b>	<b>AIC</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>P-value</b>
Distance	6.627374	1.388	5.6069	0.01
Ancestry	1	-0.9429	9.533	0.015
Rivers	27.293737	2.8157	3.7098	0.09
Mountains	48.221059	5.0538	1.3402	0.23
Forest	44.321195	4.9784	1.4098	0.265
Habitat	22.736636	6.3231	0.2633	0.805

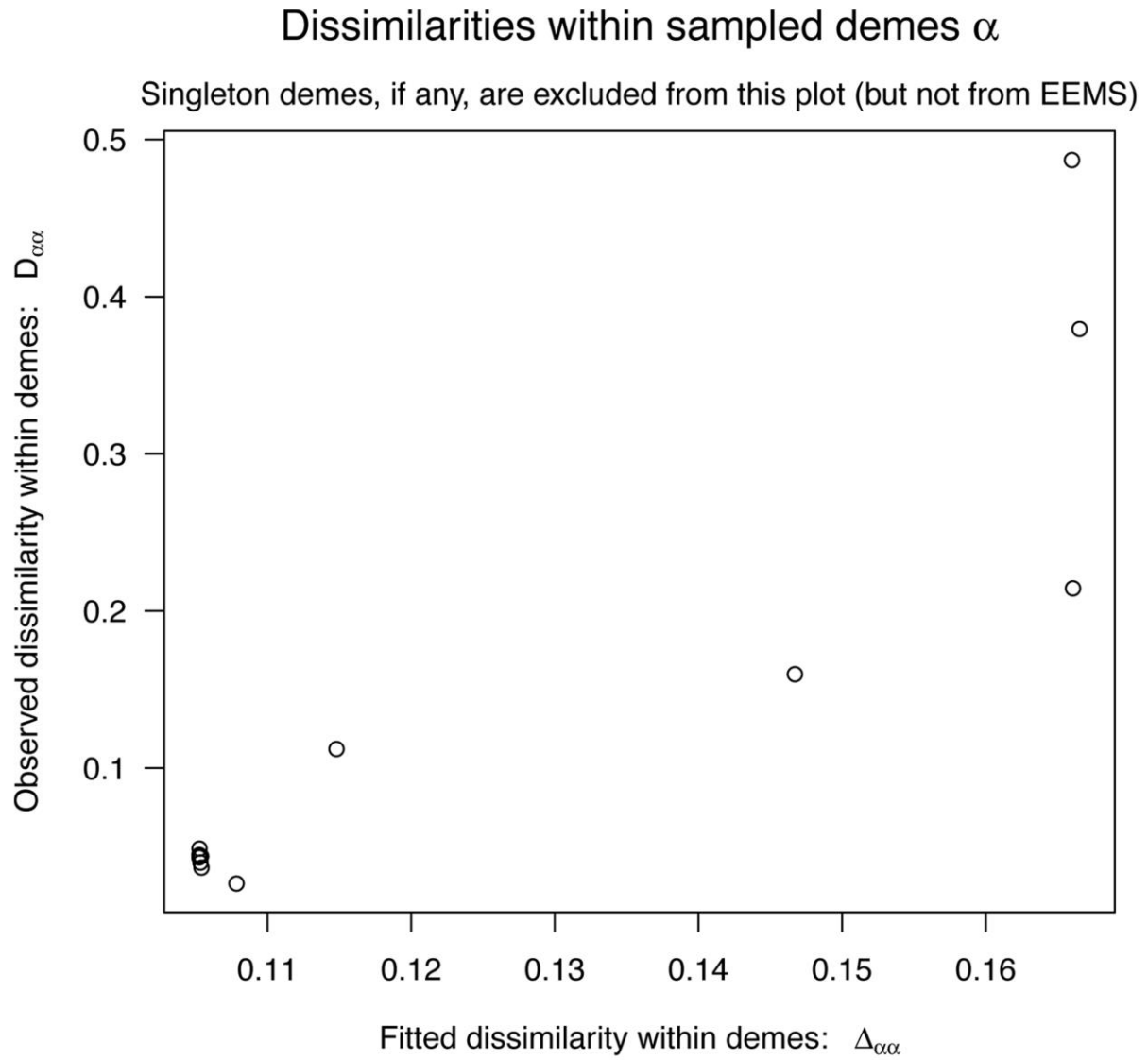
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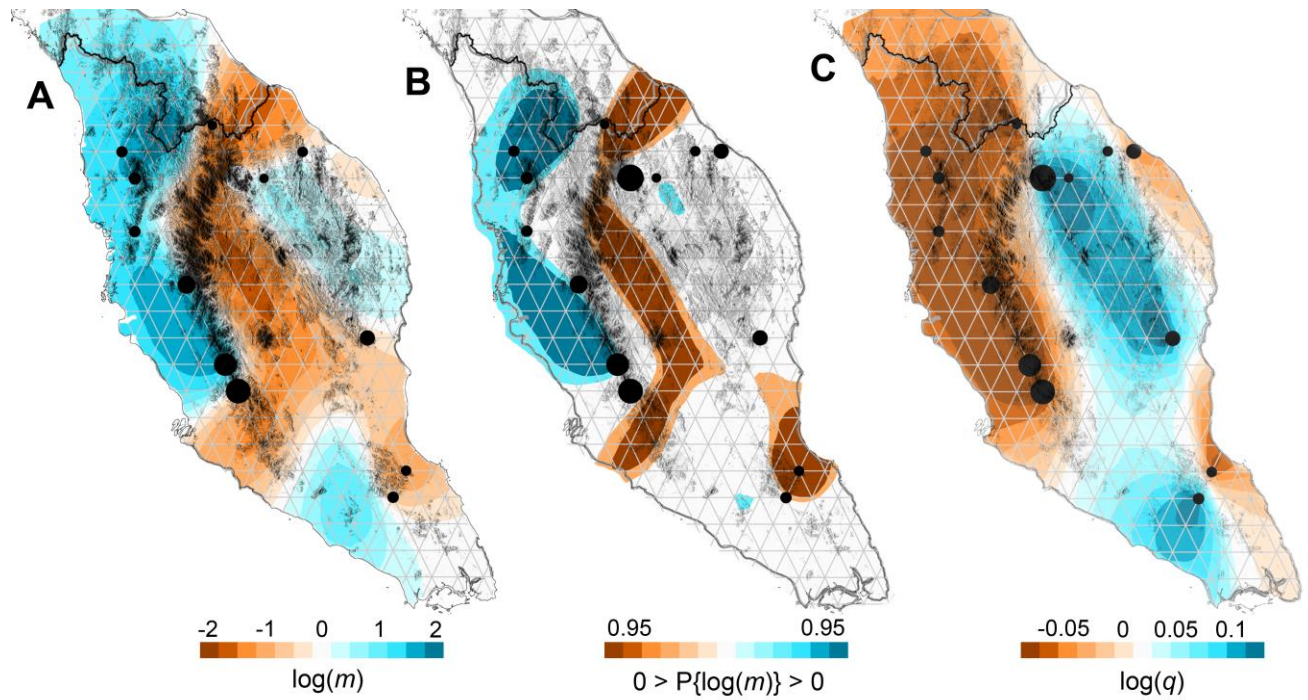
**Fig. 3.1** Environmental layers used to generate resistance matrices in Circuitscape. A) Mountains: Ellipses demarcate populations following Chan *et al.* (2017); B) River basins: colors represent major watersheds estimated using QGIS; C) Forest cover: raster layer of landuse; D) Habitat suitability: environmental niche model derived from the first 3 principal components of 19 Bioclim variables.



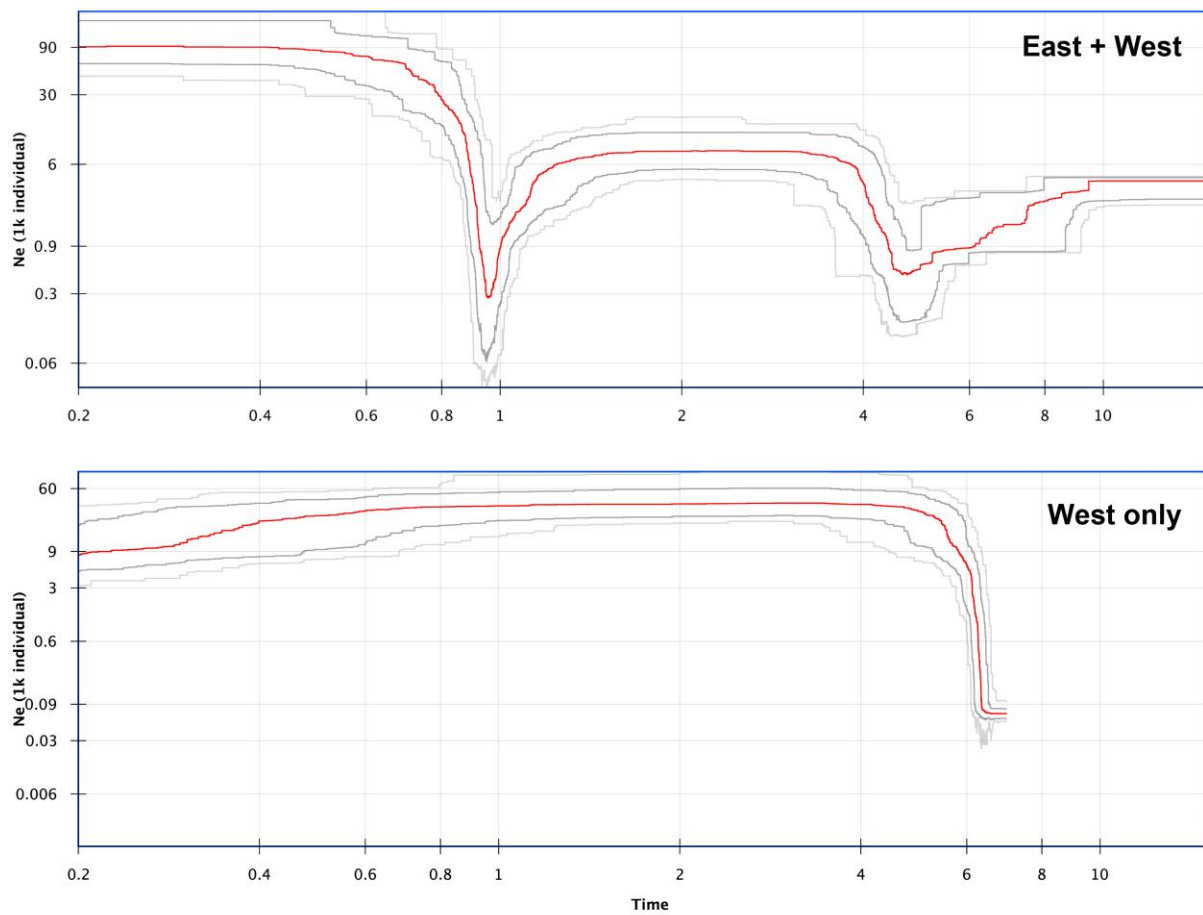
**Fig. 3.2** Fitted vs. observed dissimilarities between pairs of sampled demes from the EEMS analysis.



**Fig. 3.3** Fitted vs. observed dissimilarities within sampled demes from the EEMS analysis.

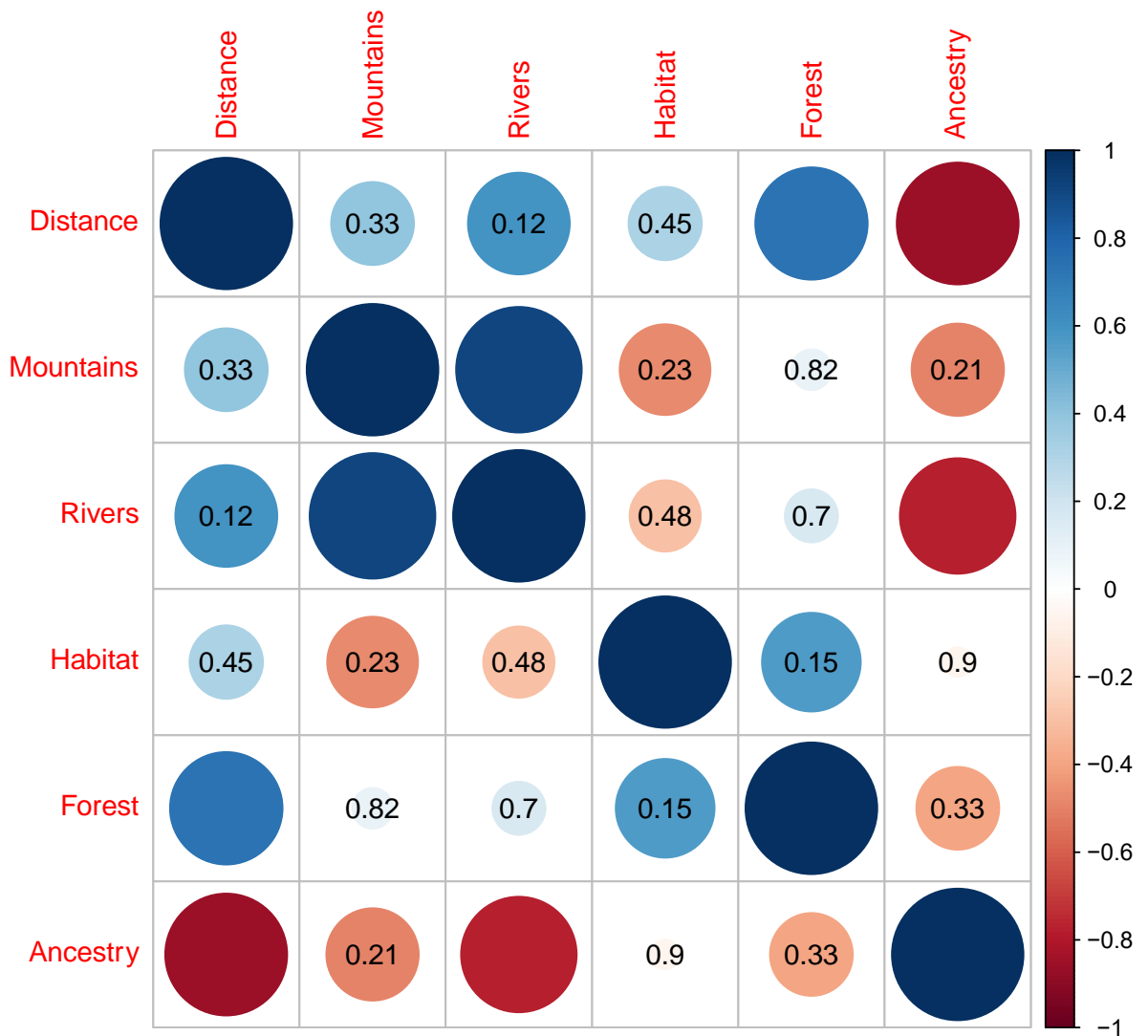


**Fig. 3.4** Estimated effective migration surfaces (EEMS) at 300 demes. A) Posterior mean migration rates ( $m$ ) on a  $\log_{10}$  scale after mean centering where 0 corresponds to the overall mean migration rate; B) Plot that emphasizes regions where the effective migration rates are significantly higher/lower than the overall average. Areas where the posterior probability  $\Pr\{m > 0\}$  exceeds 90% are highlighted in blue, areas where  $\Pr\{m < 0\}$  exceeds 90% are highlighted in orange; C) Posterior mean diversity rates ( $q$ ) on a  $\log_{10}$  scale after mean centering.

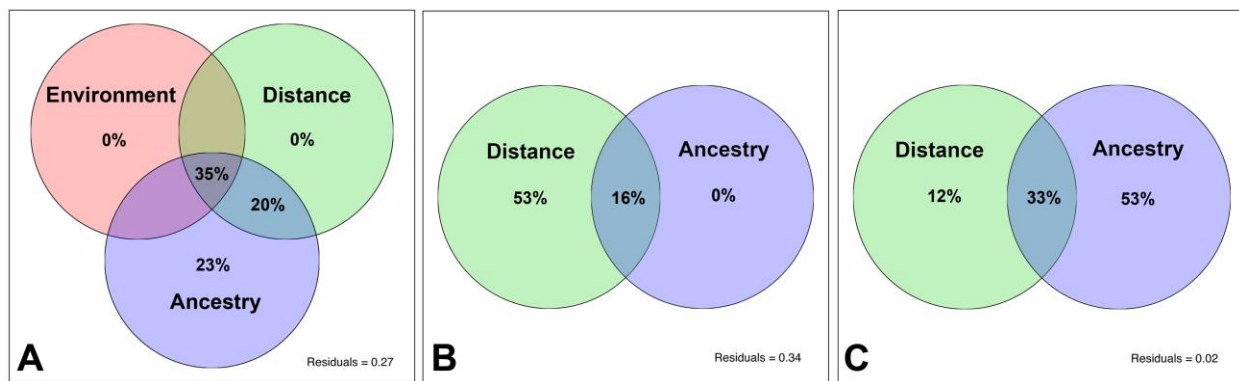


**Fig. 3.5** Stairway plots showing changes in effective population size ( $N_e$ ) through relative time for the combined East + West and West only datasets.





**Fig. 3.6** Pairwise correlation plot of independent variables and corresponding  $p$ -values. Circles without values represent  $-0.01 > p < 0.01$ .



**Fig. 3.7** Venn diagrams showing the relative contributions of Environment, Distance and Ancestry to genetic distance. A) west + east combined; B) west only; C) east only.

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## APPENDICES

**Appendix Table 1.** Genetic samples used in Chapter 1 and their corresponding Genbank accession numbers

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Rana_magnaocularis	AY779239	KX269308	KX26952 4	KX269751
Rana_montezumae	AY779223	KX269309	KX26952 5	KX269752
Rana_muscosa	AY779195			
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Rana_sp6	AY779247			
Rana_sp7	AY779241	KX269326	KX26954 4	KX269772
Rana_sp8	AY779248	GU184220	KX26953 6	KX269764

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**Appendix Table 2.** Raw morphological measurements and corresponding voucher specimens. See Materials and Methods for abbreviations.

Cat. #	Locality	sex	SVL	HL	HW	IND	SNL	FAL	FL	TBL	Fin3DW
ssm4	sedim	m	37.9	13.5	12.55	4.16	5.29	9.15	20.92	21.72	2.12
bhm5	sedim	m	35.12	12.6	12.3	3.52	5.64	8.88	18.9	19.95	2.45
bhm1	sedim	m	34.56	13.07	11.55	3.59	5.72	8	19.27	20.09	2.12
ssm5	sedim	m	34.72	12.63	11.36	3.84	5.26	8.54	19.29	20.5	2.18
bhm4	sedim	m	32.5	11.77	10.93	3.89	5.1	8.62	18.84	20.27	1.8
bhm8	sedim	m	34.8	12.58	11.85	3.58	5.45	7.89	18.83	20.08	2.14
ssm2	sedim	m	36.95	13.16	11.67	3.99	5.1	8.93	20.8	21.66	2
bhm2	sedim	m	35.52	13.78	12.32	3.76	5.77	9.26	19.95	21.19	2.46
bhm7	sedim	m	32.3	12.56	11.28	3.82	5.12	8.22	18.52	19.77	1.75
bhm6	sedim	m	35.81	13.2	12.77	3.82	5.68	8.35	20	20.81	2.4
bhm3	sedim	m	33	12.06	10.94	3.65	5.35	8.35	19.3	20.64	1.94
ssm3	sedim	m	35.65	13.31	11.35	3.77	5.26	8.38	20	21.31	2.1
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9639	sedim	m	33.65	12.81	11.66	3.54	5.2	7.85	19.5	21.34	1.8
ssf1	sedim	f	56	20	18.6	5.6	8.2	12	30	30.5	3.5
palong	palong	f	54.6	18.8	17.8	5.1	8	12.1	28	29.9	3.3
4893	lembing	f	52.7	19.8	17.6	6.1	8	11.9	28.8	31	3.6
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4935	lembing	f	58	19.4	18.9	6	8.5	12.56	30.8	32.9	3.8
4913	lembing	f	52.3	17.7	17.2	5.4	7.9	12.5	28.2	30.9	3.5
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4902	lembing	m	35.1	13.2	12.8	3.8	5.3	9.2	21	22	2.3
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21231	fraser	f	62.5	23.6	21.8	7	9.4	14.4	34.8	35.1	3.8
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21228	fraser	f	62.3	23.5	22.6	6.21	9.7	15.1	34.2	37.3	3.7
21230	fraser	f	63.8	25	24.4	7.1	10	15.3	37.1	38.1	4
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21253	genting	f	59.2	22.1	19.5	6.1	9	13.8	29.7	34.9	3.5
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1.11127	genting	f	57.8	21	19.6	6	8.7	12.5	32.4	34.3	3.3
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1.3527	sekayu	f	52.5	19.3	17.2	5.4	8	12.8	27.5	30.8	3.1
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9951	chiling	m	35.3	13.4	12	4.4	5.4	8	19.7	20.2	2.1
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21089	tebu	f	52.6	20.4	18.1	5.7	8.7	12.2	29.1	31.5	3.4

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21144	jeli	m	38.4	14.9	13.4	4	5.9	9.2	22.1	22.6	2.9
21146	jeli	m	36.4	14.6	13.1	3.9	5.9	8.2	21.4	21.8	2.1
21149	jeli	m	36.8	12.2	12.3	3.9	5.9	7.9	20.9	21.4	2.3
21145	jeli	m	36.9	14.7	13.1	4	5.9	8.5	21.3	21.9	2.9
21148	jeli	m	37.4	14.3	12.8	4.1	6	8.4	22	22.8	2.2
21147	jeli	m	34.8	13.5	12	3.8	5.8	8.3	20.4	21.2	2.1
7665	endau	f	46.3	16.5	15.8	4.8	7.4	9.8	25.6	26.7	3
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7684	endau	f	45.8	17.1	15.5	4.9	7	8.6	22.9	25.1	3
7687	endau	f	46.8	17.5	15.7	4.9	7.6	10.3	24.7	25.4	2.7
8096	endau	f	46.6	16.7	14.3	4.9	7	9.2	23.1	25	2.6
7686	endau	m	31.5	12	10.6	3.5	5.3	6.6	17.4	18.2	1.7
7673	endau	m	32.1	12.1	11	3.5	5.3	6.7	17.2	17.4	1.8
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7672	endau	m	32.7	12.5	11.3	3.3	5	7.1	17.7	18.6	2.1
1.10217	johor	f	47	17.2	15.4	5.3	7.8	10.1	25	27.2	2.8
1.10219	johor	m	32.1	12.6	11.1	3.8	5	7.1	19.5	19.5	1.8
1.10218	johor	m	29	12	10.1	3.6	5.1	6.5	17.2	17.6	1.7
1.10761	johor	m	32.3	12.6	11.2	3.6	5.5	7.1	18.5	18.9	1.8
1.10596	sendat	f	55.3	20.8	19.3	5.7	8.5	13	31.2	32.2	3.2
1.10597	sendat	f	58	21.9	20.1	5.8	9.1	13.3	32.5	33.4	3.5
9805	sendat	f	56.9	20.7	18.6	5.8	8.3	12.5	30	30.6	3.3
1.10059	uluyam	m	36.3	14	12.6	4.2	5.7	9	20.7	21.2	2.1
1.1006	uluyam	m	37.2	14.2	12.5	4.3	6.1	9.21	21.2	21.6	2.1
21264	iskandar	f	52.3	20.1	17.8	5.2	8.2	11.4	28.6	20.2	3.2
21266	iskandar	f	51.6	19.5	17.3	5.3	8	11.5	26.2	29.2	3.3
21268	iskandar	m	34.8	13.2	11.7	3.9	5.6	9.3	19.4	20.6	2.1
21267	iskandar	m	35.9	13.5	12.3	3.9	5.9	8.8	20	20.8	2.4
21262	robinson	m	39.4	14.9	12.9	3.7	5.8	10.4	22.1	23	2.4
21261	robinson	m	39.6	14.7	13.2	3.9	6	10.5	23.3	24	2.2
21263	robinson	m	36.9	14.1	12.4	4.1	5.8	10.3	21.9	23.1	2.2
5662	temengor	f	56.7	20.9	19.7	5.5	8.5	13.8	30	32.3	3.2
5663	temengor	m	32	12.4	11.6	3.9	5.7	9.2	19.4	20.8	2.1
21152	snglong	f	60.8	21.6	19.6	5.9	9.1	13.5	32.2	34.2	3.1

21153	sglong	f	62.7	22.7	20.8	6.4	9	13.3	34.2	35.2	3.7
21154	sglong	f	58.2	21.2	19.3	5.9	8.7	13.5	31	33.2	3.1
21136	belum	m	37.4	14.1	12.6	4	6.1	9.5	20.9	21.7	2.3
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21141	belum	m	38.1	14.2	12.8	4	5.9	9.2	20.9	21.9	2.2
21138	belum	m	37.5	13.9	12.3	4.1	5.6	9.3	20.9	21.3	2.4
21135	belum	m	36.6	13.4	11.8	4.2	5.4	8.7	20.1	21.2	2.2
21139	belum	m	37	13.8	12.5	3.7	5.7	8	19.6	20.5	2.2
21140	belum	m	34.9	13.3	12.2	3.5	5.3	8.8	20.6	21.32	2.2
21012	stong	f	59.8	21.8	20	5.9	8.8	13.7	31.9	33.23	3.8
21010	stong	f	62.1	22.3	21	6.5	9.4	14.4	33.6	34.6	3.4
20988	stong	f	51.9	20.53	18.8	5.9	8.4	12.5	29.2	30.9	3.1
20989	stong	f	49.9	19.5	17.5	5.4	7.7	11.7	28.1	29.7	3.2
20990	stong	m	37.7	14.3	12.5	3.8	5.3	9.8	20.3	22.4	2.1
21011	stong	m	38.9	14.5	13	4.1	5.6	9.2	22	22.8	2.2
20978	stong	f	48.5	18.9	16.9	5.1	8	11.3	27.2	29.1	3.3
20981	stong	f	50.3	19.3	17.6	5.5	8	11.8	29.7	31.2	3.8
20979	stong	f	45	19.1	16.6	5.1	7.8	11	29.2	30.6	3.4
20980	stong	f	49.2	19	17	4.9	7.9	10.8	27.1	28.6	3.5
21009	stong	m	34.3	13.5	12.3	3.9	5.54	7.9	20.3	20.7	1.9
21008	stong	m	37	14.2	12.5	4.1	5.7	9.2	20.4	21.9	2.2
21013	stong	m	36.2	14	12.3	3.8	5.7	8.8	20.4	20.9	2.3

**Appendix Table 3.** List of morphological and genetic samples used in this study with corresponding GenBank accession numbers for mitochondrial samples. Genomic SNP data is available from the Dryad repository listed in the manuscript.

Samples	Locality	Source	Morpho	SNPs	GenBank #
					16S
Huia cavitympanum	Sabah, Borneo, Malaysia	GenBank			AB211489
Meristogenys jerboa	Jambi, Sumatra, Indonesia	GenBank			AB211493
Meristogenys orphanoncnemis	Sabah, Borneo, Malaysia	GenBank			AB211494
Amolops cremnobatus	Vietnam	GenBank			AB211483
Amolops cremnobatus	Vietnam	GenBank			FJ417143
Amolops cremnobatus	Vietnam	GenBank			AF206458
Amolops cremnobatus	Vietnam	GenBank			DQ204477
Amolops cremnobatus	Vietnam	GenBank			DQ204478
Amolops spinapectoralis	Vietnam	GenBank			DQ204488
Amolops torrentis	China	GenBank			DQ204489
Amolops hainanensis	China	GenBank			DQ204481
Amolops panhai	Thailand	GenBank			AB211487
Amolops panhai	Thailand	GenBank			AB211488
Amolops panhai	Thailand	GenBank			KR827705
Amolops panhai	Thailand	GenBank			KR827706
Amolops daiyunensis	China	GenBank			DQ204479
Amolops lifanensis	China	GenBank			DQ204482
Amolops viridimaculatus	China	GenBank			DQ204490
Amolops vitreus		GenBank			FJ417165
Amolops compotrix		GenBank			FJ417142
Amolops cucae		GenBank			FJ417146
Amolops bellulus	China	GenBank			DQ204473
Amolops archotaphus		GenBank			FJ17125
Amolops akhaorum		GenBank			FJ417158
Amolops ricketti		GenBank			AF458117
Amolops wuyiensis	China	GenBank			AB211476
Amolops daorum		GenBank			FJ417147
Amolops tuberodepressus		GenBank			FJ417162
Amolops iriodes		GenBank			FJ417154
Amolops wuyiensis	China	GenBank			KF771291

Amolops mantzorum	China	GenBank			KF771289
Amolops kangtingensis	China	GenBank			KF771287
Amolops loloensis	China	GenBank			KF771288
Amolops chunganensis	China	GenBank			KF771285
Amolops mengyangensis	China	GenBank			KR827704
Amolops indoburmanensis		GenBank			JF794458
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Amolops indoburmanensis		GenBank			JF794438
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Amolops marmoratus		GenBank			DQ204485
Amolops marmoratus		GenBank			JF794432
Amolops marmoratus		GenBank			EU861541
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Amolops larutensis	Gombak, Selangor, Malaysia	GenBank			AB530592
Amolops larutensis	Malaysia	GenBank			AB211484
Amolops larutensis	Thailand	GenBank			AB211485
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21138	Belum, Perak	This study	x		MF061726
21137	Belum, Perak	This study	x		MF061725
21135	Belum, Perak	This study	x		MF061724
21136	Belum, Perak	This study	x		
21139	Belum, Perak	This study	x		
21142	Jeli, Kelantan	This study	x		
21143	Jeli, Kelantan	This study	x		
21144	Jeli, Kelantan	This study	x		
21145	Jeli, Kelantan	This study	x		
21146	Jeli, Kelantan	This study	x		
21147	Jeli, Kelantan	This study	x		
21148	Jeli, Kelantan	This study	x		
21149	Jeli, Kelantan	This study	x		
BHF2	Bukit Hijau, Kedah	This study			MF061748
BHM1	Bukit Hijau, Kedah	This study	x	x	
BHM2	Bukit Hijau, Kedah	This study	x	x	
BHM3	Bukit Hijau, Kedah	This study	x		
BHF1	Bukit Hijau, Kedah	This study			
BHM7	Bukit Hijau, Kedah	This study	x		
BHM5	Bukit Hijau, Kedah	This study	x		
BHF3	Bukit Hijau, Kedah	This study			



BHM4	Bukit Hijau, Kedah	This study	x		
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BHM8	Bukit Hijau, Kedah	This study	x		
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LSUHC605.larut	Bukit Larut, Perak	This study			
BLM3.larut	Bukit Larut, Perak	This study			
LSUHC606.larut	Bukit Larut, Perak	This study			
BLM1.larut	Bukit Larut, Perak	This study			
BLM4.larut	Bukit Larut, Perak	This study		x	
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palongM1	Bukit Palong, Kedah	This study	x		MF061751
10051	Cameron Highlands (Iskandar Falls)	This study			
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21264	Cameron Highlands (Iskandar Falls)	This study	x	x	
21265	Cameron Highlands (Iskandar Falls)	This study		x	
21266	Cameron Highlands (Iskandar Falls)	This study		x	MF061736
21267	Cameron Highlands (Iskandar Falls)	This study	x	x	
21268	Cameron Highlands (Iskandar Falls)	This study	x	x	
21269	Cameron Highlands (Iskandar Falls)	This study		x	
21270	Cameron Highlands (Iskandar Falls)	This study		x	
622	Cameron Highlands (Parit Falls)	This study			MF061743
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21261	Cameron Highlands (Robinson Falls)	This study	x	x	
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LSUHC620.robinson	Cameron Highlands (Robinson Falls)	This study			
LSUHC621.robinson	Cameron Highlands (Robinson Falls)	This study			
7665	Endau-Rompin, Johor (Peta)	This study	x	x	
7684	Endau-Rompin, Johor (Peta)	This study	x		
7686	Endau-Rompin, Johor (Peta)	This study	x	x	
7687	Endau-Rompin, Johor (Peta)	This study	x		
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7673	Endau-Rompin, Johor (Peta)	This study	x		MF061745
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8096	Endau-Rompin, Johor (Selai)	This study	x	x	
8100	Endau-Rompin, Johor (Selai)	This study	x	x	
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LSUHC9925.fraser	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (back road)	This study			
21228	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study	x	x	
21229	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study	x	x	
21230	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study	x	x	
21231	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study	x	x	
21232	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study	x	x	
21233	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study	x	x	
21234	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study	x	x	
21235	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study	x	x	
21236	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study	x	x	
21237	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study		x	MF061733
21238	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study	x	x	
21239	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study	x	x	
10056	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study		x	
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10057	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study			
10060	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Jeriau Falls)	This study			
8068	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (road up)	This study			
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8070	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (road up)	This study			
9958	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Sungai Chiling)	This study	x		
9957	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Sungai Chiling)	This study	x		
9947	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Sungai Chiling)	This study	x		
9948	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Sungai Chiling)	This study	x		
9949	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Sungai Chiling)	This study	x		
9951	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Sungai Chiling)	This study	x		
9954	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Sungai Chiling)	This study	x		
9955	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Sungai Chiling)	This study	x		
9953	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Sungai Chiling)	This study	x		
9950	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Sungai Chiling)	This study	x		
9952	Fraser's Hill, Pahang (Sungai Chiling)	This study	x		
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9760	Fraser's Hill, Pahang	This study	x		
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21247	Genting Highlands, Pahang	This study	x	x	
21248	Genting Highlands, Pahang	This study		x	
21249	Genting Highlands, Pahang	This study		x	
21250	Genting Highlands, Pahang	This study		x	MF061734
21251	Genting Highlands, Pahang	This study	x	x	
21252	Genting Highlands, Pahang	This study	x	x	
21253	Genting Highlands, Pahang	This study	x	x	
6594	Genting Highlands, Pahang	This study			
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21287	Gombak, Selangor	This study	x	x	
21288	Gombak, Selangor	This study	x	x	
21289	Gombak, Selangor	This study	x	x	
21290	Gombak, Selangor	This study		x	MF061737
21291	Gombak, Selangor	This study		x	
21292	Gombak, Selangor	This study		x	
21293	Gombak, Selangor	This study	x	x	
21294	Gombak, Selangor	This study	x	x	
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574	Gunung Bubu, Perak	This study			MF061741
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LSUHC585.bubu	Gunung Bubu, Perak	This study			
20989	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Baha)	This study	x	x	MF061716

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20981	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Baha)	This study	x	x	MF061713
20982	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Baha)	This study		x	
20983	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Baha)	This study		x	
20984	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Baha)	This study		x	
20985	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Baha)	This study		x	
20986	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Baha)	This study		x	
20987	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Baha)	This study		x	MF061714
20988	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Baha)	This study	x	x	
20990	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Baha)	This study	x	x	
21053	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Base)	This study	x	x	
21008	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Rivendell)	This study	x	x	MF061717
21009	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Rivendell)	This study	x	x	
21010	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Rivendell)	This study	x	x	MF061718
21011	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Rivendell)	This study	x	x	MF061719
21012	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Rivendell)	This study	x	x	MF061720
21013	Gunung Stong, Kelantan (Rivendell)	This study	x	x	
21077	Gunung Tebu, Terengganu (Base camp)	This study	x		MF061721
21078	Gunung Tebu, Terengganu (Base camp)	This study	x	x	
21079	Gunung Tebu, Terengganu (Base camp)	This study	x	x	
21080	Gunung Tebu, Terengganu (Base camp)	This study	x	x	MF061722
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21089	Gunung Tebu, Terengganu (Base camp)	This study	x	x	
21090	Gunung Tebu, Terengganu (Base camp)	This study	x	x	
9787	Lata Tembakah, Terengganu	This study		x	
9789	Lata Tembakah, Terengganu	This study		x	
9790	Lata Tembakah, Terengganu	This study			
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594	Lentang, Pahang	This study			MF061741
595	Lentang, Pahang	This study			
4893	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x		
4894	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x		MF061738
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4896	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x		

4905	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x		
4906	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x		
4898	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x		
4899	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x	x	
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4909	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x		
4901	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study		x	
4902	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x	x	
4904	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x	x	
4897	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study			
4895	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x		
4907	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x	x	
4908	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x	x	
4932	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x		
4934	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x		
4935	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x		
4913	Sg. Lembing, Pahang	This study	x		
21150	Sg. Long, Kelantan	This study			MF061729
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21152	Sg. Long, Kelantan	This study	x		MF061730
21153	Sg. Long, Kelantan	This study	x		MF061731
9805	Sg. Sendat, Selangor	This study	x	x	MF061747
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SSM5.sedim	Sungai Sedim, Kedah	This study	x	x	
SSM4.sedim	Sungai Sedim, Kedah	This study	x	x	
SSM2.sedim	Sungai Sedim, Kedah	This study	x	x	
SSM3.sedim	Sungai Sedim, Kedah	This study	x	x	
SSF1	Sungai Sedim, Kedah	This study	x		
5662	Temenggor, Perak	This study	x		MF061739
5663	Temenggor, Perak	This study	x	x	MF061740
1.3528	sekayu	This study	x		
1.3527	sekayu	This study	x		
1.11127	genting	This study	x		
1.11126	genting	This study	x		
1.10761	johor	This study	x		
1.10597	sendat	This study	x		
1.10596	sendat	This study	x		
1.10219	johor	This study	x		
1.10218	johor	This study	x		

1.10217	johor	This study	x
1.1006	uluyam	This study	x
1.10059	uluyam	This study	x

**Appendix Table 4.** Results of the PCA analysis on adjusted morphological data.

<b>Male</b>	<b>PC1</b>	<b>PC2</b>	<b>PC3</b>	<b>PC4</b>	<b>PC5</b>	<b>PC6</b>	<b>PC7</b>	<b>PC8</b>	<b>PC9</b>
Standard deviation	1.868	1.254	1.062	0.86	0.788	0.735	0.681	0.509	0.432
Proportion of Variance	0.388	0.175	0.125	0.082	0.069	0.06	0.052	0.029	0.021
Cumulative Proportion	0.388	0.563	0.688	0.77	0.839	0.899	0.951	0.979	1
Eigenvalues	3.49	1.572	1.129	0.739	0.621	0.54	0.464	0.259	0.187
SVL	-0.271	0.294	-0.494	0.228	-0.222	0.67	-0.216	0.007	0.004
HL	-0.384	-0.171	0.13	0.489	0.166	0.117	0.647	-0.293	-0.148
HW	-0.331	-0.341	0.302	-0.05	-0.661	0.058	0.087	0.361	0.319
IND	-0.308	0.419	0.055	0.348	-0.299	-0.577	-0.293	-0.309	0.046
SNL	-0.216	-0.533	-0.227	0.403	0.358	-0.183	-0.437	0.319	0.02
FAL	-0.358	0.274	-0.397	-0.268	0.073	-0.328	0.367	0.519	-0.223
FL	-0.362	0.121	0.554	-0.169	0.145	0.213	-0.322	0.116	-0.579
TBL	-0.431	0.16	0.126	-0.304	0.463	0.085	-0.052	-0.132	0.662
Fin3DW	-0.288	-0.44	-0.337	-0.481	-0.167	-0.086	-0.091	-0.535	-0.224
<b>Female</b>									
Standard deviation	2.073	1.28	1.036	0.841	0.72	0.541	0.462	0.417	0.292
Proportion of Variance	0.477	0.182	0.119	0.079	0.058	0.033	0.024	0.019	0.009
Cumulative Proportion	0.477	0.659	0.779	0.857	0.915	0.948	0.971	0.991	1
Eigenvalues	4.296	1.639	1.074	0.707	0.519	0.293	0.213	0.174	0.085
SVL	-0.299	-0.015	0.284	-0.845	0.002	-0.05	0.332	-0.035	0.041
HL	0.285	0.31	0.409	0.047	0.741	-0.301	0.009	0.058	-0.1
HW	-0.263	0.471	0.436	0.027	-0.102	0.542	-0.444	0.065	0.115
IND	0.403	0.203	-0.245	-0.219	0.104	0.35	0.004	-0.744	-0.048
SNL	0.46	0.008	0.053	-0.031	-0.057	0.166	0.245	0.263	0.79
FAL	0.43	-0.06	-0.145	-0.294	0.001	0.376	-0.065	0.559	-0.496
FL	0.317	0.256	0.445	0.172	-0.594	-0.182	0.356	-0.104	-0.29
TBL	0.039	0.627	-0.435	-0.25	-0.203	-0.457	-0.264	0.158	0.1
Fin3DW	-0.317	0.424	-0.302	0.235	0.181	0.284	0.658	0.142	-0.088

**Appendix Table 5.** Results of the hybrid index analysis on the putative hybrid population (West 1). The populations East 1 and Larutensis were designated as reference and alternate populations respectively. H-values close to 1 indicate affinity with the reference population while values close to 0 indicate affinity to the alternate population.

<b>Individual</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>ln(likelihood)</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Up</b>
5663	0.003	-87.872	0.001	0.005
20988	0.002	-86.017	0.001	0.005
20989	0.002	-90.591	0.001	0.005
20990	0.006	-49.594	0.002	0.015
21010	0.002	-82.544	0.001	0.005
21012	0.004	-115.538	0.002	0.007
21011	0.549	-572.706	0.518	0.58

**Appendix Table 6.** Fastsimcoal2 results for the five models tested. Historical period (HP) 0: after L/W1 diverged (~3 mya to present); HP 1: after W3/W4 diverged, before L/W1 diverged (~6–3 mya ago); HP 2: after W2/W3/W4 diverged, before W3/W4 diverged (7–6 mya ago); HP 3: after L/W1 and W2/W3/W4 diverged, before W2/W3/W4 diverged (8–7 mya ago). Bootstrap support values are in parentheses. Asterisks(\*) denotes scenarios with historical migration, where migration rates in these categories persist through time for populations that have not coalesced (e.g. W2 to W4 is fixed from historical period 0 through period 1, as neither of these populations had coalesced with other populations).



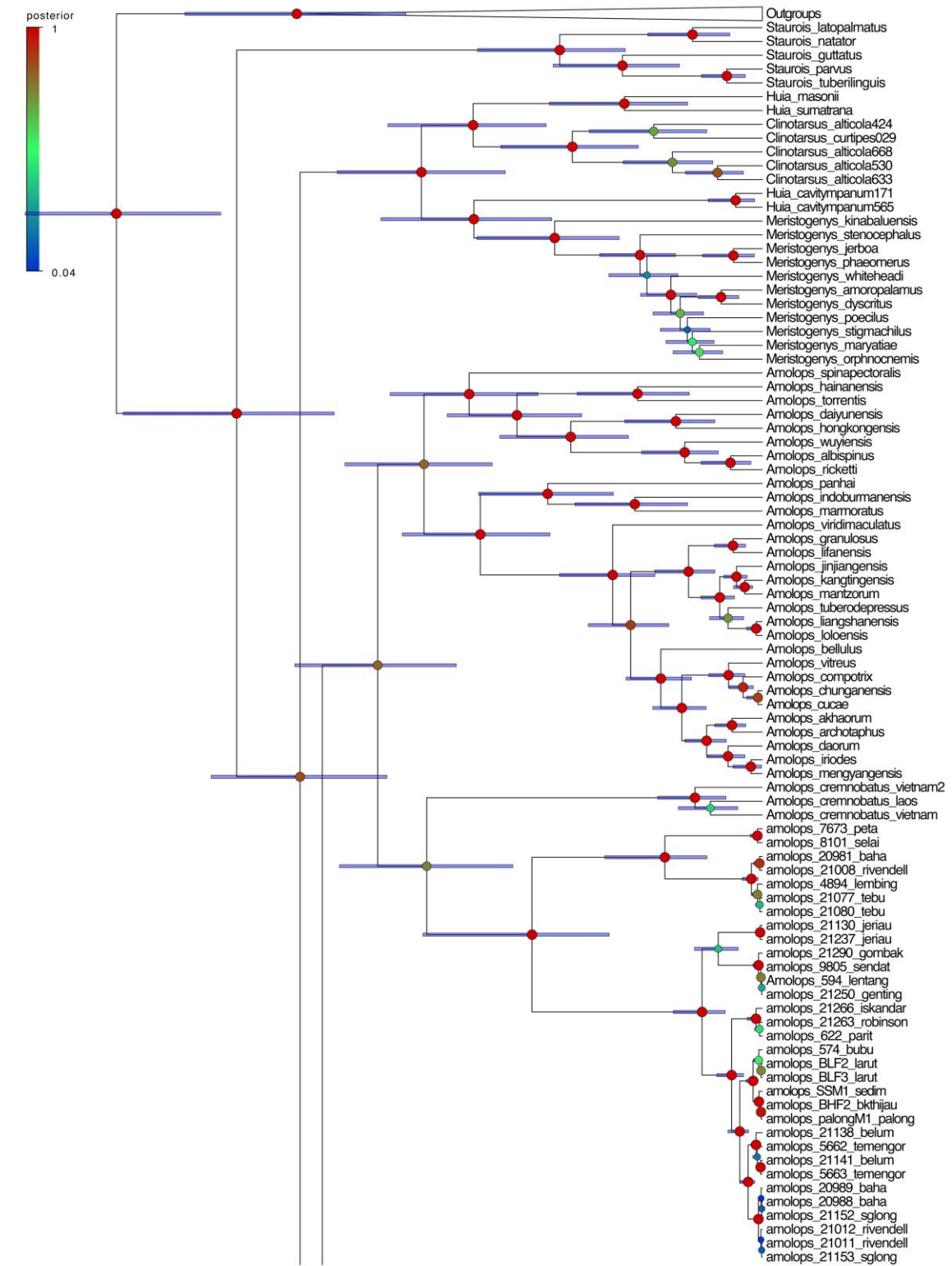
	Full migration (asymmetrical)	Contemporar y migration only	Full migration (symmetrical)	Historical migration only	No migration
<b>MaxEstLhood</b>	-7,059.40	-7,763.50	-7,854.33	-8,659.63	-11,883.09
<b>Total no. parameters</b>	37	25	21	23	5
<b>AIC</b>	32583.73569	35802.23888	36212.51833	39925.0471	54733.6633
<b>AIC Rank</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b><math>\Delta i</math></b>	0.00	3218.50	3628.78	7341.31	22149.93
<b>HP 0 migration parameters (<math>N_m</math>)</b>					
L to W1	0.5814 (0.3001-- 0.7947)	7.0222	0.1381	X	X
W1 to L	0.2377 (0.177--1.764)	0.1155	0.1639	X	X
L to W2	0.3331 (0.2272-- 0.4437)	0.9819	0.1094	X	X
W2 to L	0.3026 (0.212-- 0.8442)	0.1114	0.2602	X	X
W1 to W2	5.4939 (3.7697-- 7.6407)	3.0400	0.7145	X	X
W2 to W1	3.6221 (2.7419-- 15.8796)	1.6304	1.4314	X	X
W2 to W3*	1.0291 (0.6674-- 9.6109)	1.5182	2.0972	13.5186	X
W3 to W2*	0.6391 (0.3572-- 35.6598)	6.0901	0.6833	2.2373	X
W3 to W4*	5.7762 (0.4876-- 40.0024)	1.4479	1.2455	13.8007	X
W4 to W3*	1.2426 (0.7441-- 21.5485)	2.2224	2.3887	13.3971	X

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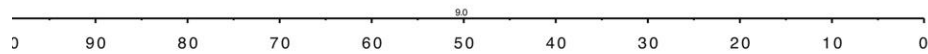
**HP 1 migration  
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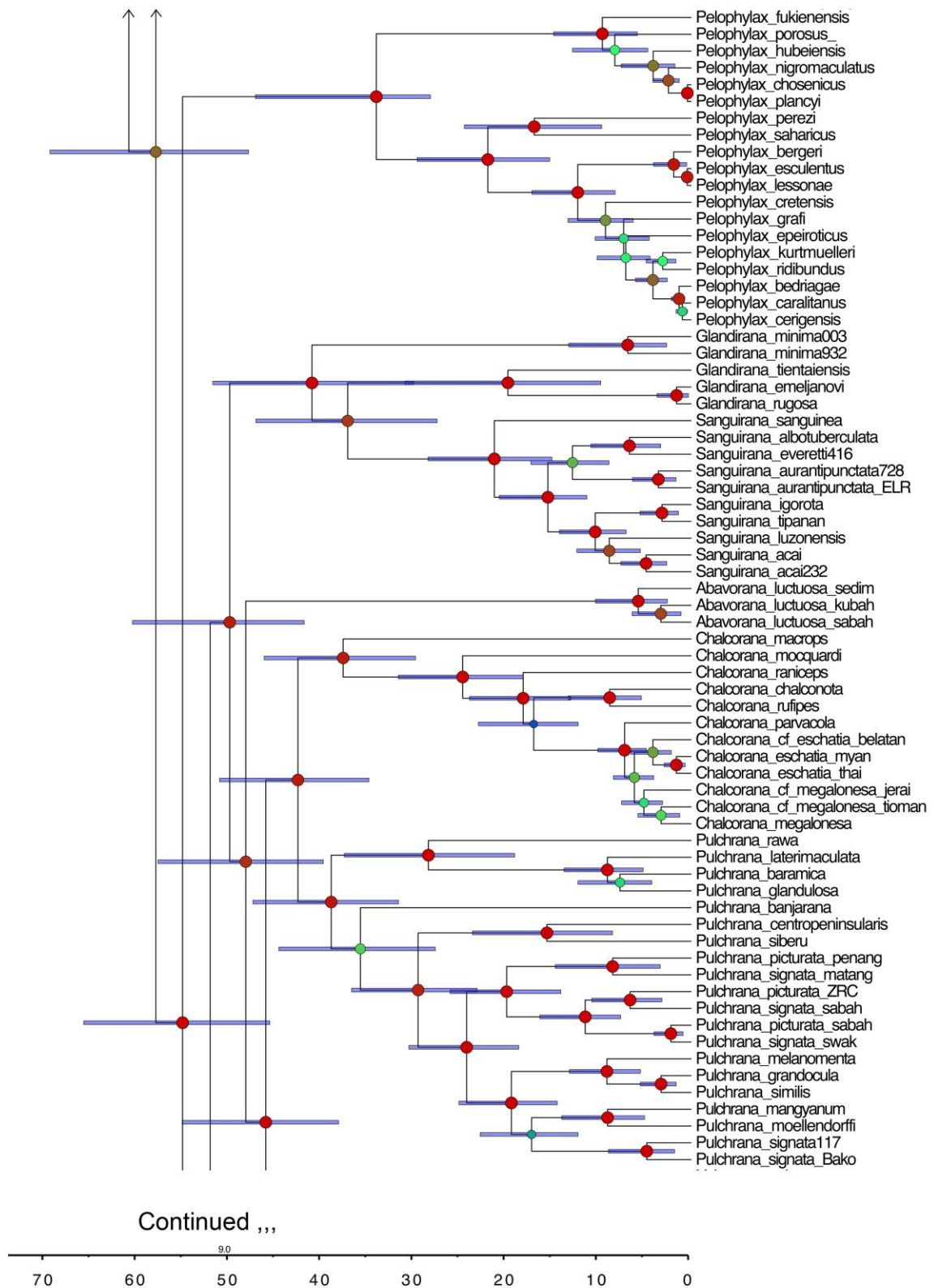
Anc(L/W1) to W2*	0.6878 (0.1665-- 2.8119)	X	19.4837	1.6285	X
W2 to Anc(L1/W1)*	1591.2665 (132.2697-- 3021.2141)	X	85.3623	14.5032	X

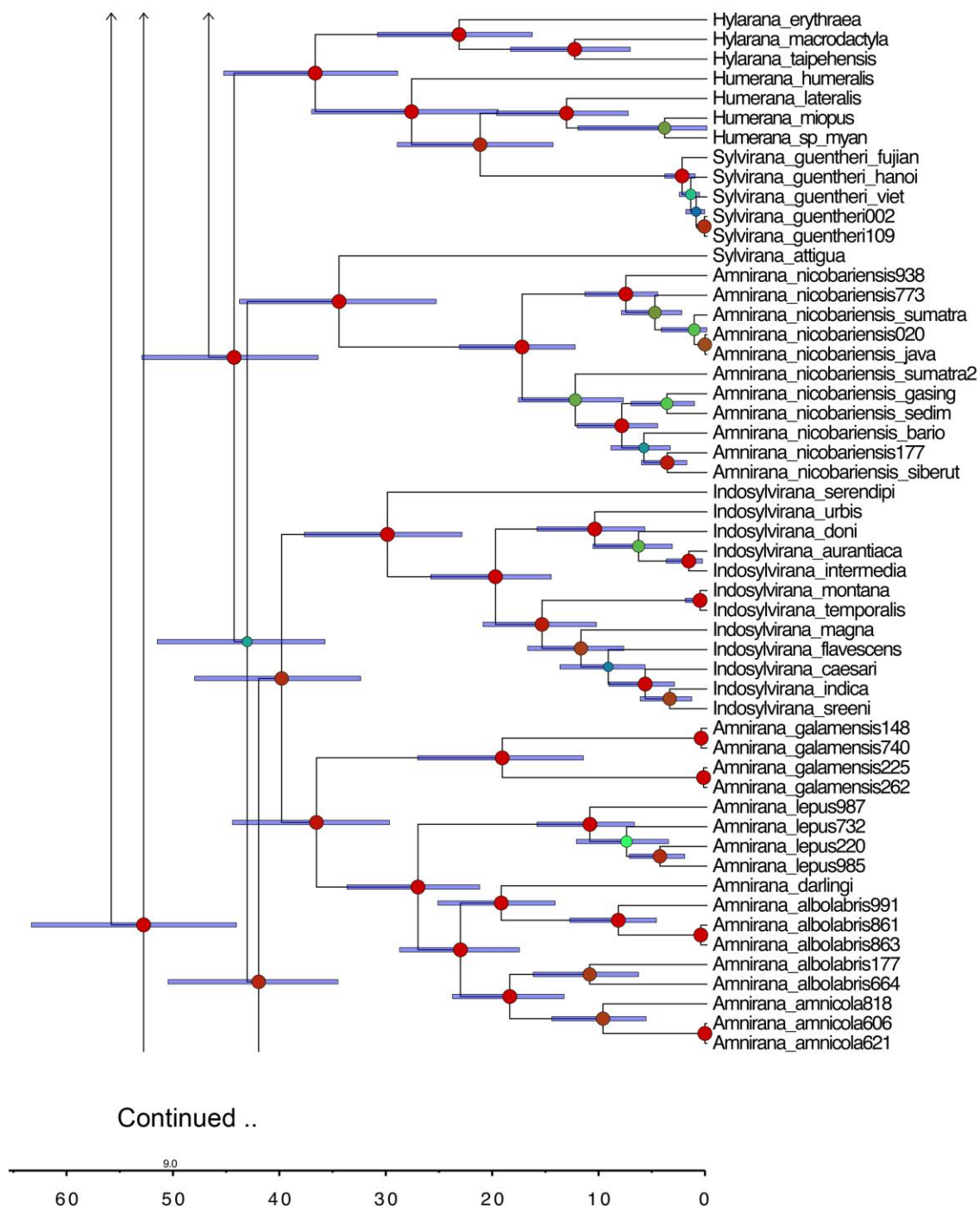
Anc(L/W1) to W3	240.3918 (173.1812-- 1070.6029)	X	13.1726	5.7871	X
W3 to Anc(L/W1)	13.7266 (6.0649-- 16.537)	X	18.8036	6.0155	X
Anc(L/W1) to W4	33.8203 (0.2995-- 119.4184)	X	33.4083	12.3160	X
W4 to Anc(L/W1)	141.6577 (52.3717-- 2727.1648)	X	91.4646	5.3057	X
<b>HP 2 migration parameters (<math>N_m</math>)</b>					
Anc(L/W1) to Anc(W3/W4)	14.9898 (8.7874-- 22.2458)	X	13.2968	4.9375	X
Anc(W3/W4) to Anc(L/W1)	11.9066 (7.18-- 17.9916)	X	12.4759	11.4628	X
W2 to Anc(W3/W4)	20.9471 (15.9191-- 58.2197)	X	11.2546	13.3294	X
Anc(W3/W4) to W2	0.6875 (0.5575-- 0.8011)	X	2.4103	12.7191	X
<b>HP 3 migration parameters (<math>N_m</math>)</b>					
Anc(L/W1) to Anc(W2/W3/W4)	11.3596 (8.1149-- 16.1302)	X	13.3400	7.9794	X
Anc(W2/W3/W4) to Anc(L/W1)	16.2122 (8.577-- 25.1072)	X	10.3088	3.3556	X
<hr/> <i>L = Larutensis; W1 = West1; W2 = West2; W3 = West3; W4 = West 4; Anc = Ancestor</i>					

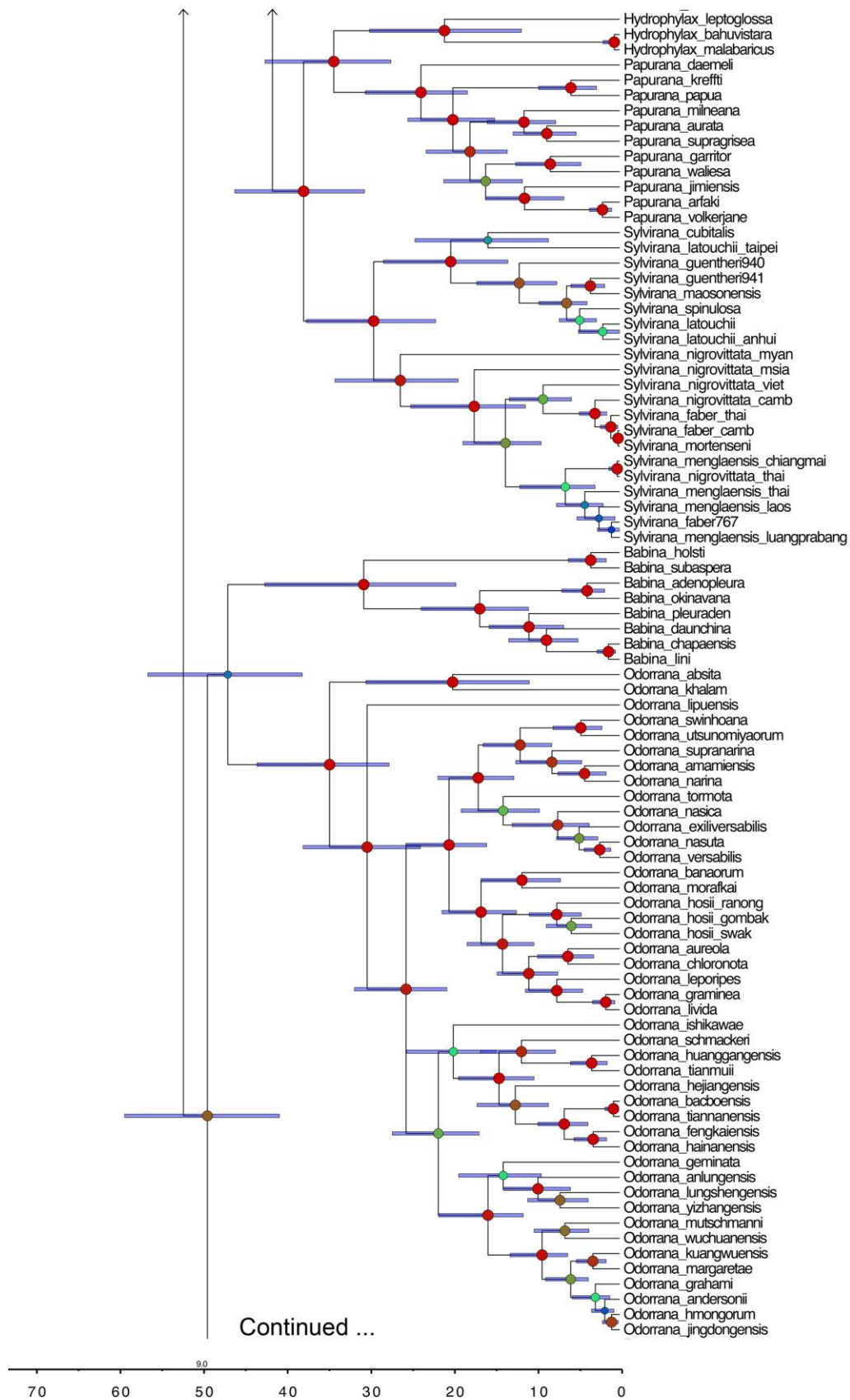


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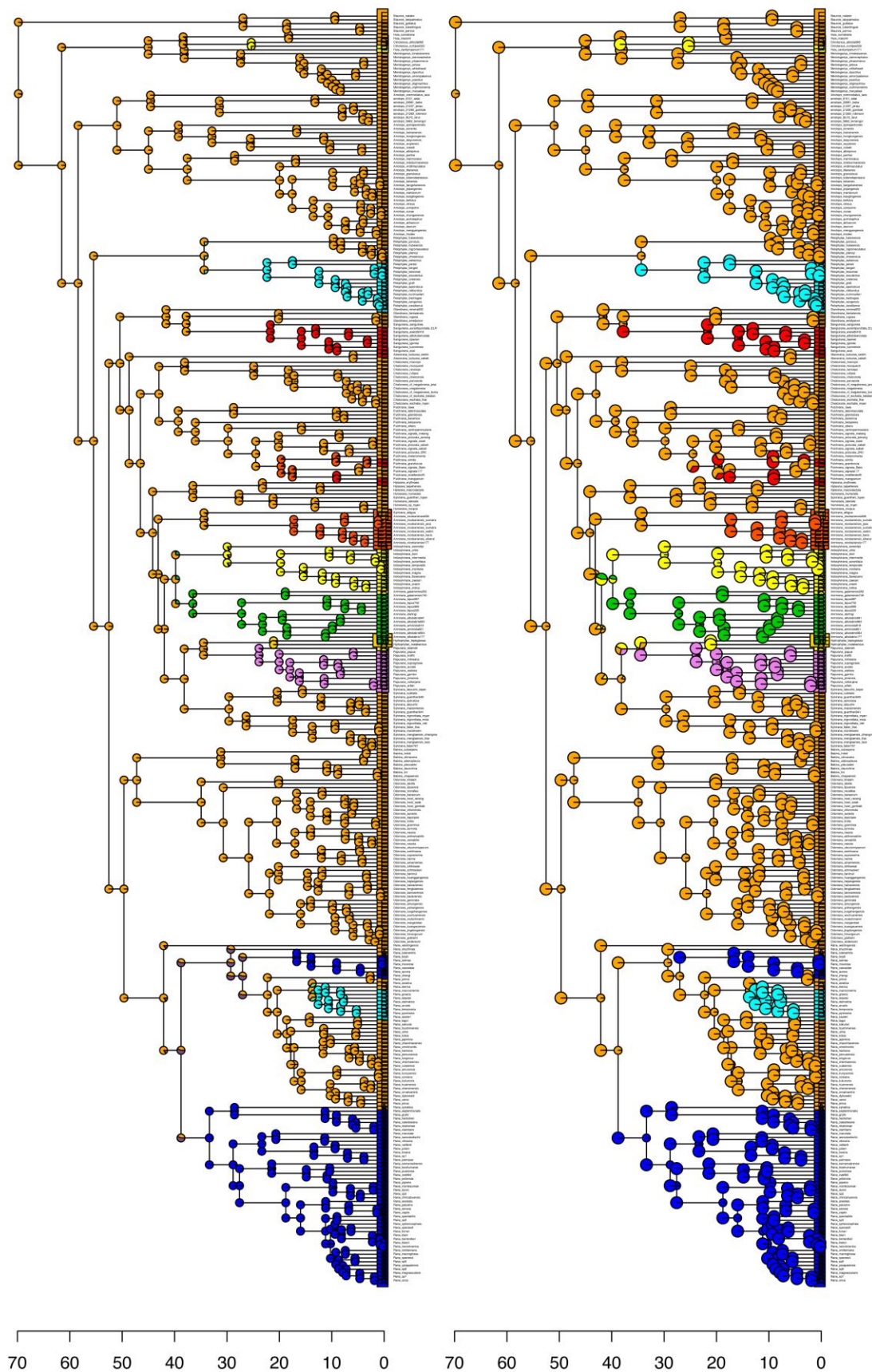




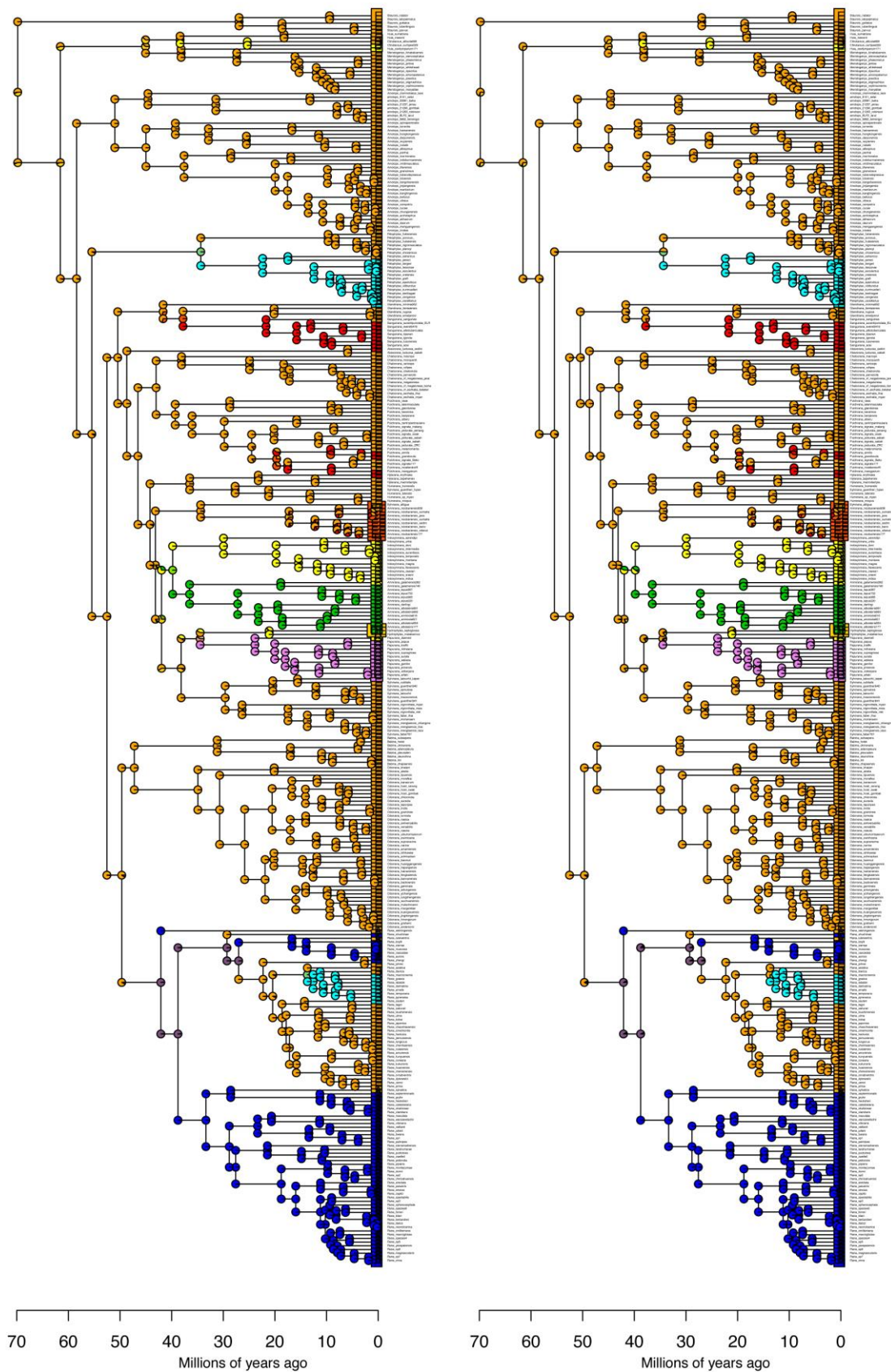


**Appendix Fig. 1.** Time-calibrated maximum clade credibility Bayesian phylogeny of Ranidae with corresponding posterior probabilities and 95% HPD age intervals. Posterior probabilities are scaled to size and color.



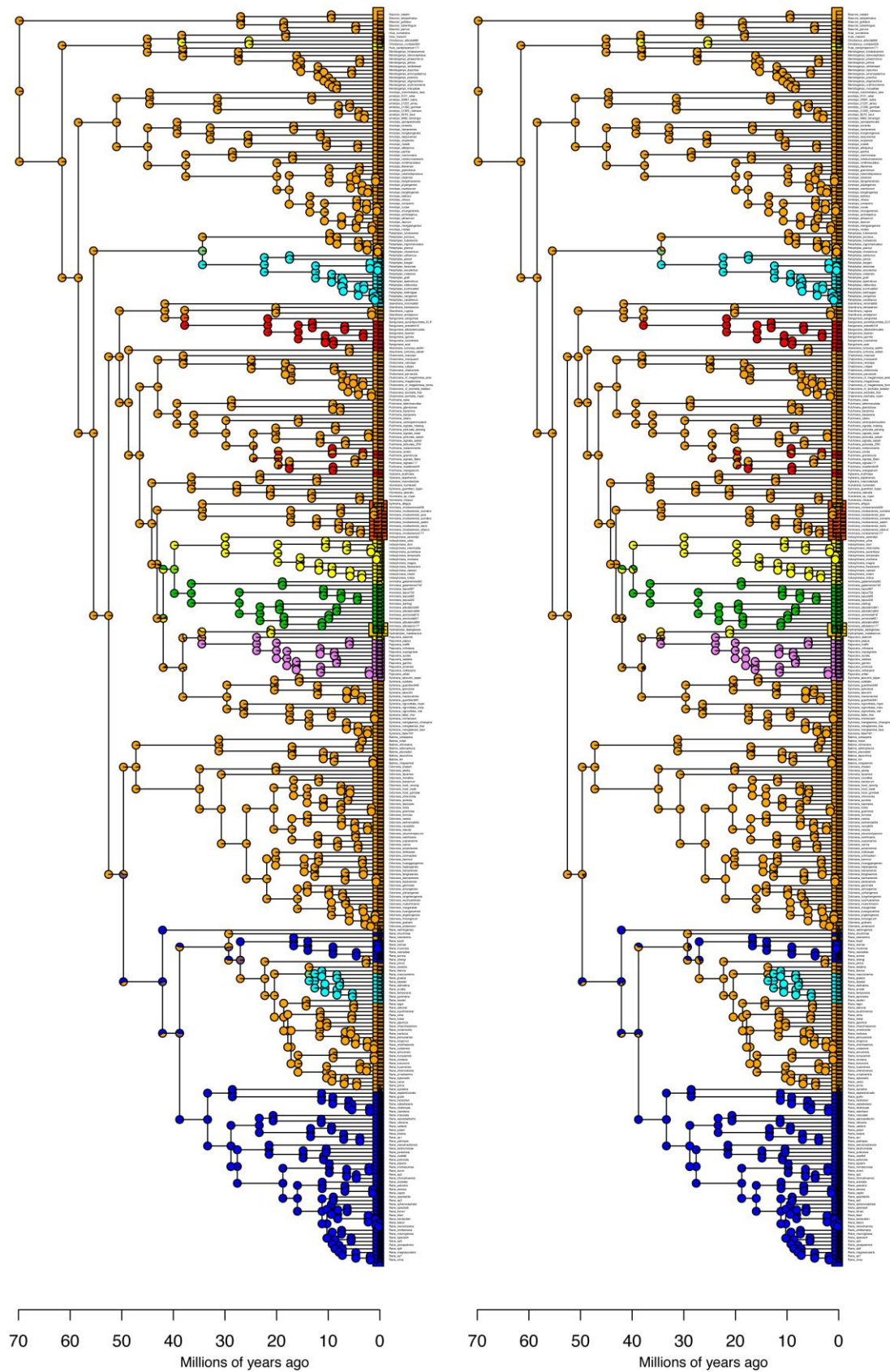


**Appendix Fig. 2.** Unconstrained BioGeoBEARS analysis using the BAYAREALIKE model. Left: without the  $j$  parameter ( $\text{LnL} = -155.72$ ); right: with the  $j$  parameter ( $\text{LnL} = -99.48$ ).

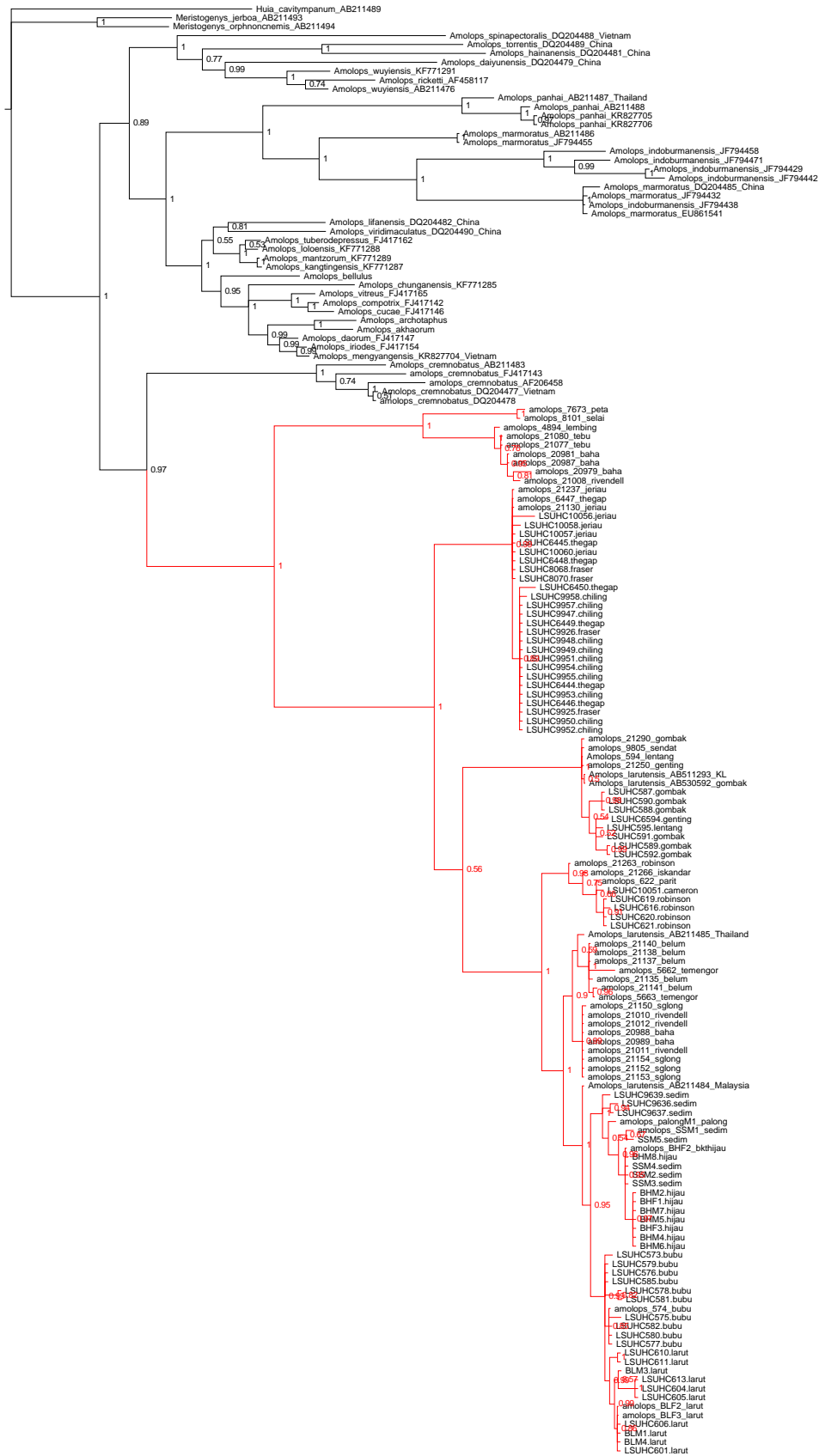


**Appendix Fig. 3.** Unconstrained BioGeoBEARS analysis using the DEC model. Left: without the  $j$  parameter (LnL = -147.6); right: with the  $j$  parameter (LnL = -141.89).





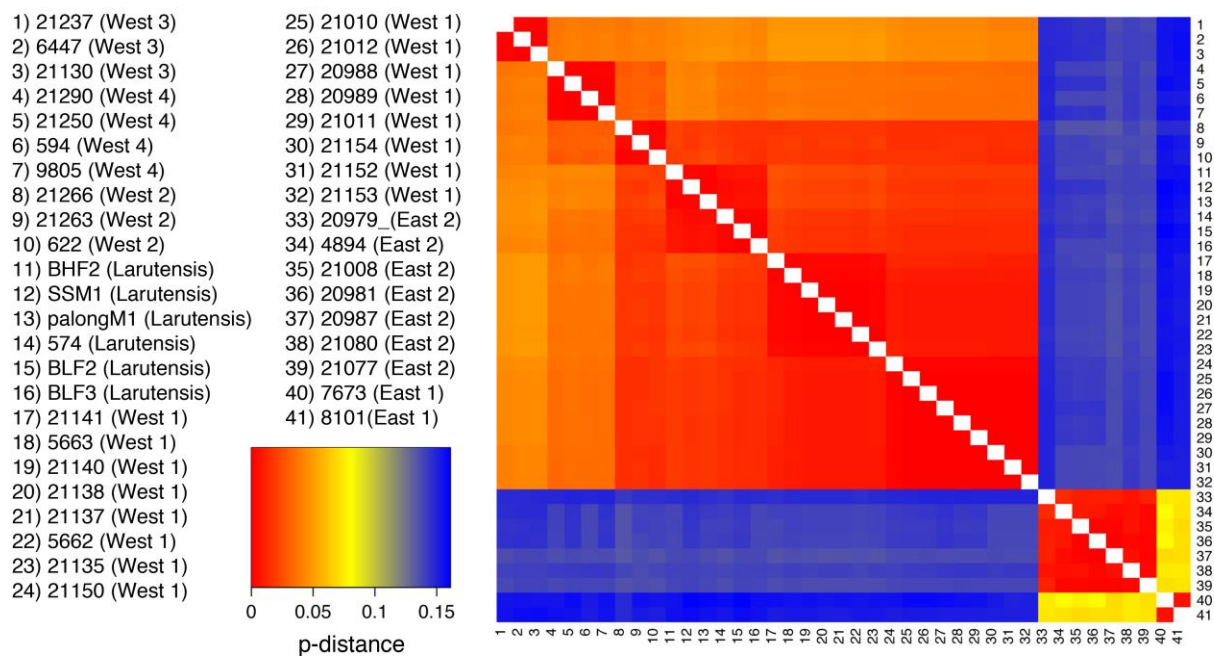
**Appendix Fig. 4.** Unconstrained BioGeoBEARS analysis using the DIVALIKE model. Left: without the  $j$  parameter (LnL = -157.87); right: with the  $j$  parameter (LnL = -152.31).



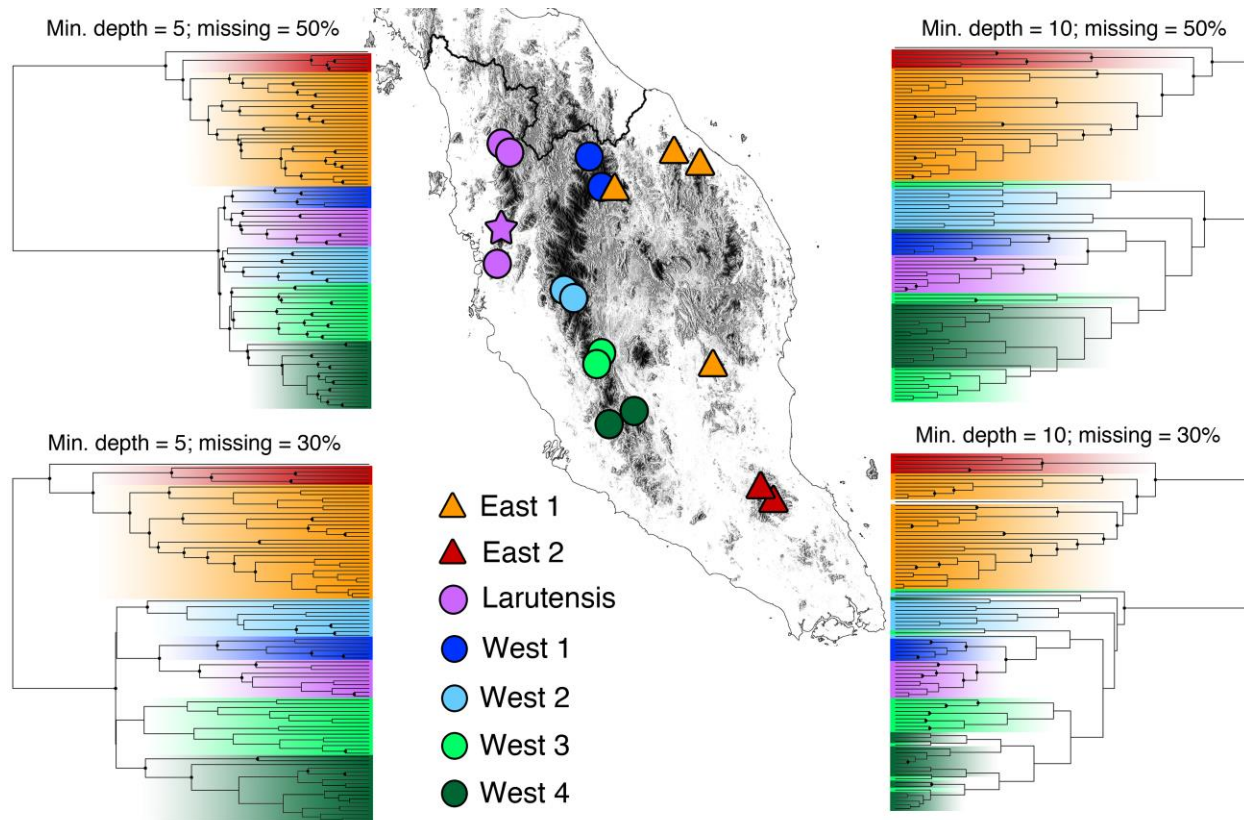
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**Appendix Fig. 5.** Bayesian phylogeny of *Amolops* inferred from 1,466 base pairs of the 16S rRNA mitochondrial gene. Node support represent posterior probabilities and the Peninsular Malaysian clade is highlighted in red.

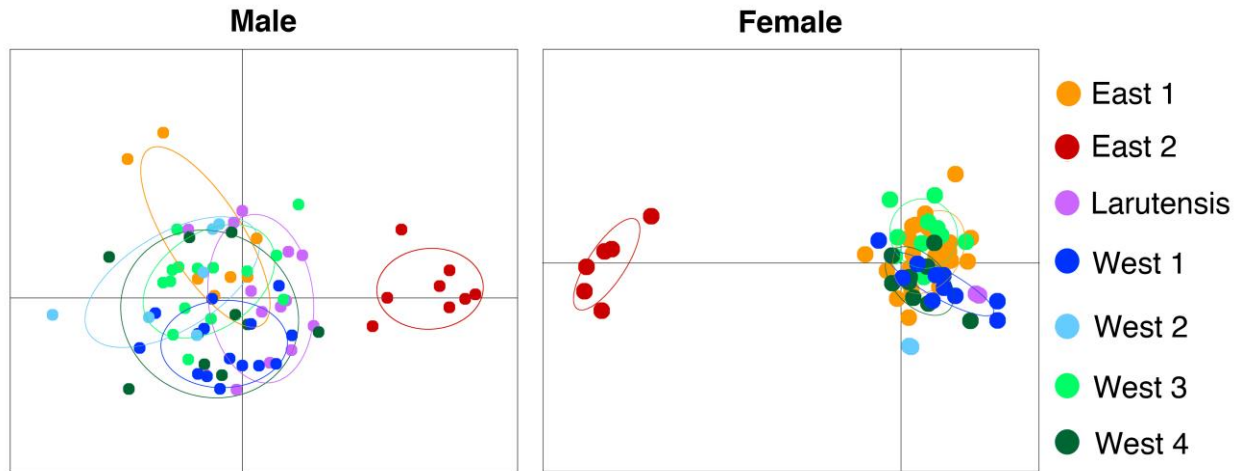




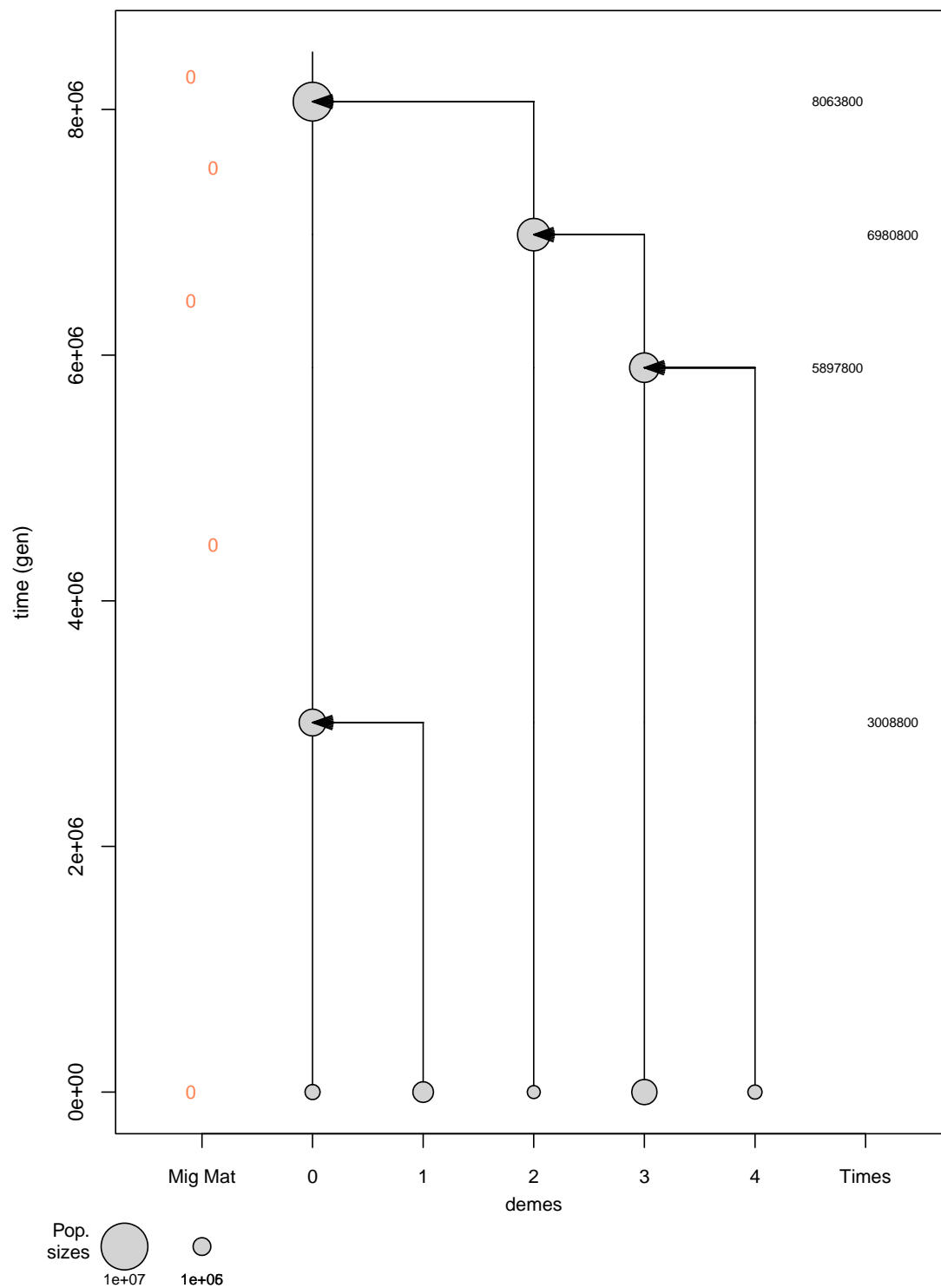
**Appendix Fig. 6.** Heatmap of pairwise uncorrected mitochondrial p-distances calculated from the 16S gene.



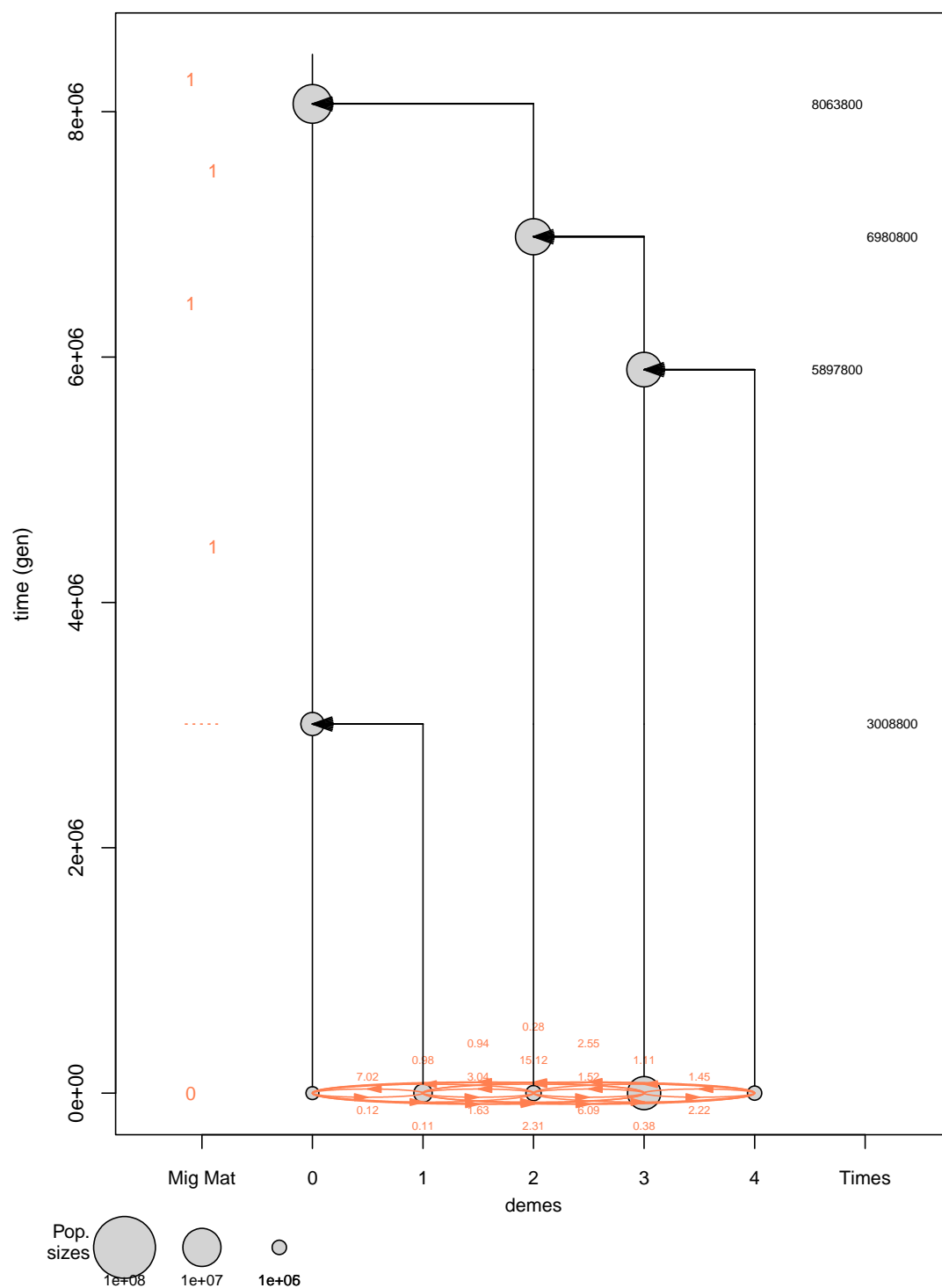
**Appendix Fig. 7.** Maximum likelihood phylogenies inferred from genome-wide SNPs filtered at different minimum depths and missing data. Black dots represent nodes with >90% bootstrap values.



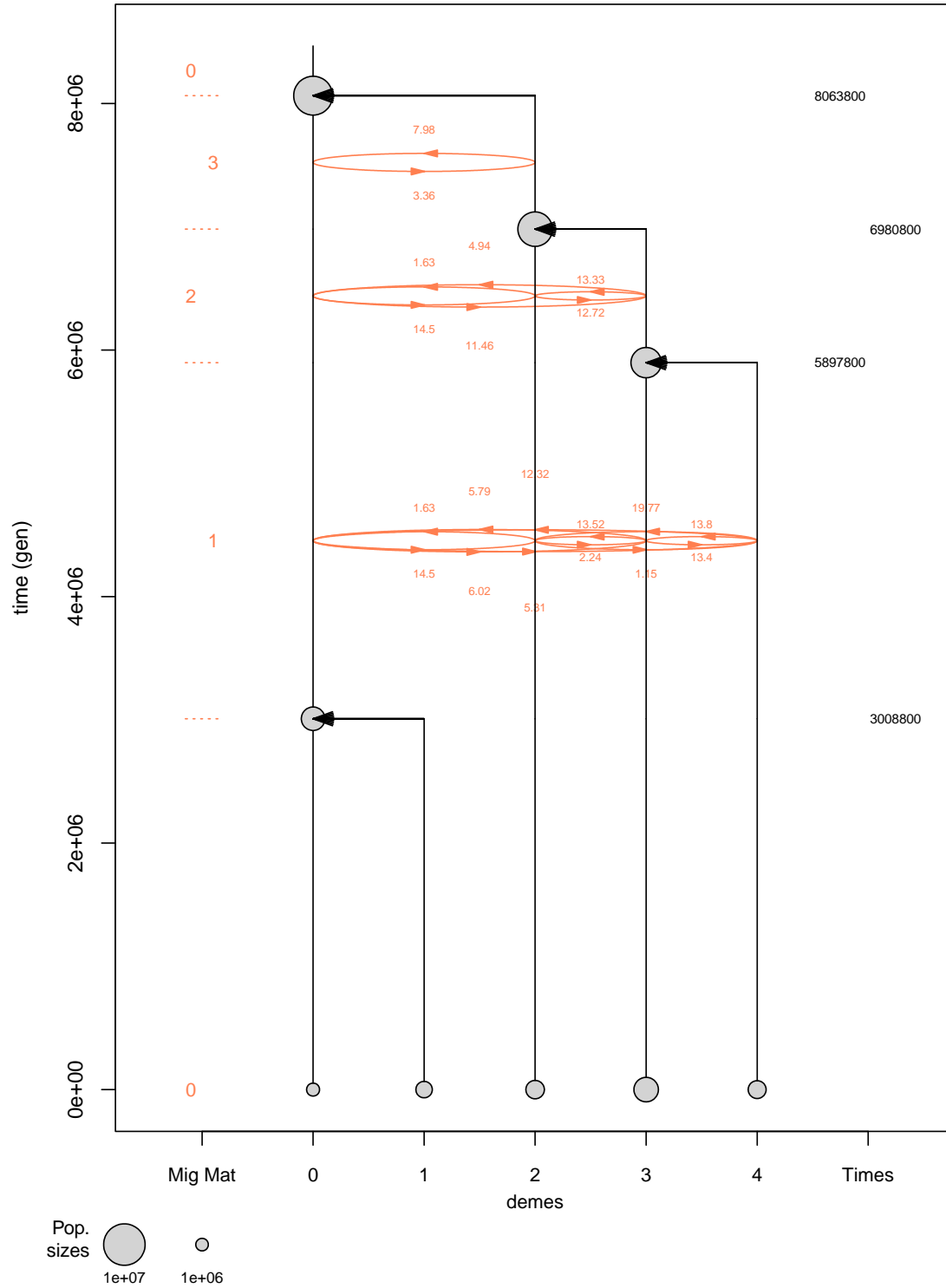
**Appendix Fig. 8.** Results of the DAPC analysis on adjusted morphological data.



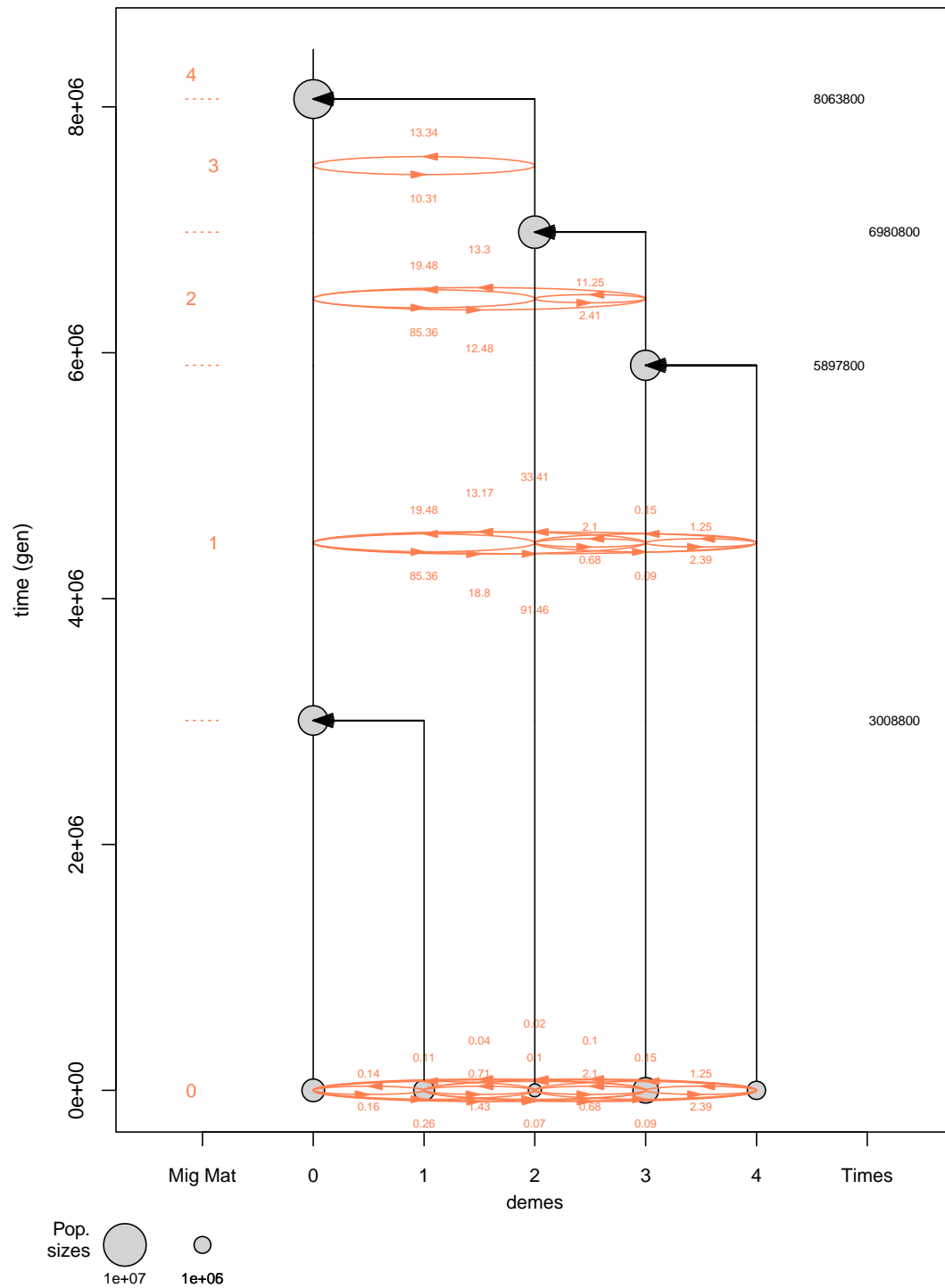
**Appendix Fig. 9.** Fastsimcoal2 model with no migration



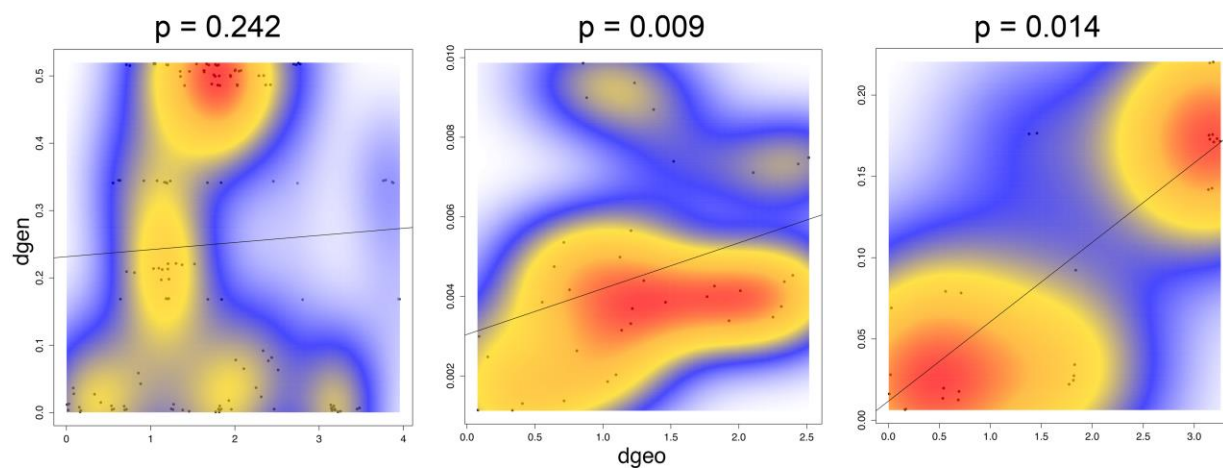
**Appendix Fig. 10.** Fastsimcoal2 model with contemporary migration defined as the time period from the present up to the first diversification even at ~3 mya.



**Appendix Fig. 11.** Fastsimcoal2 model with historical migration only including three different historical time periods (see materials and methods for more information).

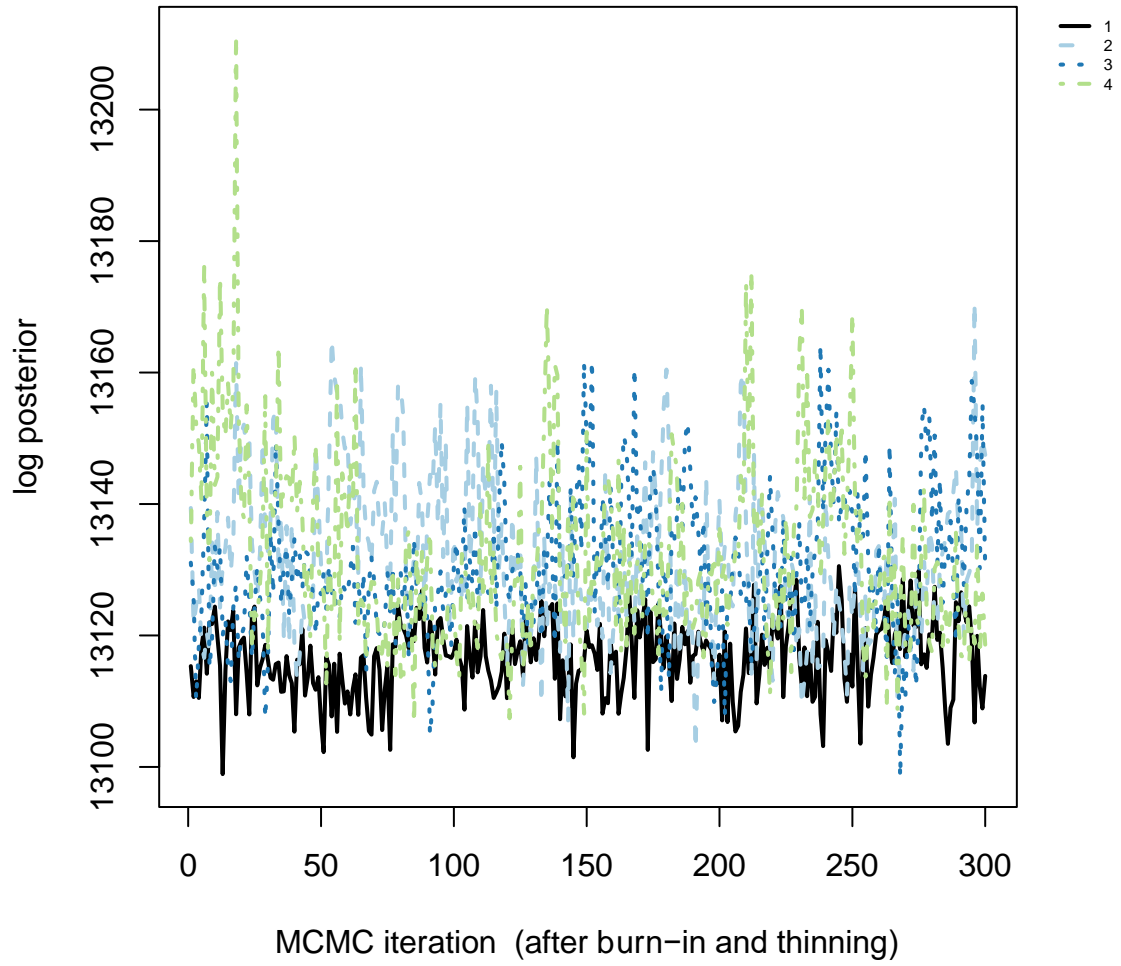


**Appendix Fig. 12.** Fastsimcoal2 model that accommodated both contemporary and historical migrations. This full model was tested twice, once where migrations were constrained to be symmetrical and the other with asymmetrical migrations.



**Appendix Fig. 13.** Kernel density estimation plots between genetic and geographic distances with corresponding P-values from the Mantel test. Left: entire dataset; middle: western clade only; right: eastern clade only.





**Appendix Fig. 14.** Traceplots of the four independent MCMC chains from the EEMS analysis at 300 demes.